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fate  (fāt)

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n.

1. The supposed force, principle, or power that predetermines events: *Fate did not favor his career.*

2.

a. The inevitable events predestined by this force: *It was her fate to marry a lout.*

b. A final result or consequence; an outcome: *What was the fate of your project?*

c. An unfavorable outcome in life; doom or death: *suffered a fate worse than death; the island where the explorer met his fate.*

3. **Fates** *Greek & Roman Mythology* The three goddesses, Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos, who control human destiny. Used with *the*.

[Middle English, from Old French *fat*, from Latin *fātum*, prophecy, doom, from neuter past participle of *fārī*, to speak; see *bhā*-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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