

Schedule of Readings and Assignments

Women in Antiquity • Fall 2022

For each meeting, please come into class having read and thought about the readings assigned for that class.

To prepare for each meeting, you need to read:

- All of the listed sections from the textbook (Pomeroy's *Goddesses...*) and primary sources, and
- At least one of the secondary source readings listed for that week.

Note: *Goddesses* refers to Pomeroy's *Goddesses, Whores, Wives, and Slaves*, which is a required text. WIA refers to an optional book, *Women in Antiquity* (Hawley & Levick, eds.); those articles can be accessed by PDF, so the book is not required.

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1 Introduction and Themes

Thursday, August 25

Watch the Welcome and Orientation Video
 Read: Pomeroy, Introduction to Goddesses
 Sign up for your primary source presentation
 Sign up for your secondary source presentation

2 Women in The Epic of Gilgamesh

Thursday, September 1

Read all of the following:
 George, Introduction to Epic of Gilgamesh (pp. xxxi-li, remainder optional)
 Epic of Gilgamesh, Tablets 1, 2, and 6
 Also read one of these scholarly articles:
 Abusch, "Ishtar's Proposal and Gilgamesh's Refusal"
 Bailey, "Initiation and the Primal Woman in Gilgamesh and Genesis 2-3"
 Harris, "Inanna-Ishtar as Paradox and a Coincidence of Opposites"

3 The Female Pharaohs of Egypt

Thursday, September 8

Read all of the following:
 Roehrig (ed.), Hatshepsut: From Queen to Pharaoh
 [packet of selected articles]
 Also read one of these scholarly articles:
 Depla, "Women in Ancient Egyptian Wisdom Literature"
 Lesko, "Women's Monumental Mark on Ancient Egypt"
 Robins, "The God's Wife of Amun in the 18th Dynasty in Egypt"

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4 Ancient Goddesses and Gods

Thursday, September 15

Read all of the following:

Pomeroy, "Goddesses and Gods" (Goddesses ch. 1, pp. 1-15)

Hesiod, Theogony

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

Nixon, "The Cults of Demeter and Kore" (WIA ch. 5, pp. 75-96)

Slater, "The Greek Family in History and Myth"

Zeitlin, "Signifying Difference: The Myth of Pandora" (WIA ch. 4, pp. 58-74)

5 The Bronze Age and its Homeric Echo

Thursday, September 22

Read all of the following:

Pomeroy, "Women in the Bronze Age and Homeric Epic" (Goddesses ch. 2, pp. 16-31)

Three selections from Homer:

"Agamemnon's Insult" (from Iliad); "Nausicaa and the Stranger" and "The Artifice of Penelope" (from Odyssey)

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

Arthur, "Early Greece: The Origins of the Western Attitude Toward Women"

Arthur, "The Divided World of Iliad VI"

Dowden, "Approaching Women Through Myth: Vital Tool or Self-Delusion?" (WIA ch. 3, pp. 44-57)

Ortner, "Is Female to Male as Nature Is to Culture?"

No Meeting

Thursday, September 29

6 Women and the Kingdom of Israel

Thursday, October 6

Read all of the following:

The Book of Esther

The Book of Ruth

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

Archer, "Notions of Community and the Exclusion of the Female in Jewish History..."

Archer, "The Role of Jewish Women in the Religion, Ritual, and Cult of Graeco-Roman Palestine"

Brock, "Reading Between the Lines: Sarah and the Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis, Chapter 22)"

Images Essay due the Monday before

7 Greece Emerging from the Dark Age

Thursday, October 13

Read all of the following:

Pomeroy, "The Dark Age and the Archaic Period" (Goddesses ch. 3, pp. 32-56)

Hesiod, Works and Days

Plutarch, "Sayings of Spartan Women"

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

Heath, "Women's Work: Female Transmission of Mythical Narrative"

Marry, "Sappho and the Heroic Ideal"

Stigers, "Sappho's Private World"

8 Women and the Athenian Polis

Thursday, October 20

Read all of the following:

Pomeroy, "Women and the City of Athens" (Goddesses ch. 4, pp. 57-78)

Aeschylus, from Eumenides

Herodotus, from The Histories

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

Dewald, "Women and Culture in Herodotus's Histories"

Katz, "Ideology and the 'Status of Women' in Ancient Greece" (WIA ch. 2, pp. 21-43)

Pomeroy, "Women's Identity and the Family in the Classical Polis" (WIA ch. 7, pp. 111-121)

Walker, "Women and Housing in Classical Greece: The Archaeological Evidence"

Proposal due the Monday before

9 Living Unpublicly in Classical Athens

Thursday, October 27

Read all of the following:

Pomeroy, "Private Life in Classical Athens" (Goddesses ch. 5, pp. 79-92)

Euripides, from The Bacchae

Theocritus, "The Women at the Adonis Festival", from Idylls

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

Burton, "Women's Commensality in the Ancient Greek World"

Dover, "Classical Greek Attitudes to Sexual Behavior"

Foxhall, "Women's Ritual and Men's Work in Ancient Athens" (WIA ch. 6, pp. 97-110)

Segal, "The Menace of Dionysus: Sex Roles and Reversals in Euripides' The Bacchae"

Venit, "Women in Their Cups"

10 Images of Women in Athenian Literature

Thursday, November 3

Read all of the following:

Pomeroy, "Images of Women in the Literature of Classical Athens" (Goddesses ch. 6)

Sophocles, from Antigone

Euripides, from Medea

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

Foley, "The Conception of Women in Athenian Drama"

Lambropoulou, "Some Pythagorean Female Virtues" (WIA ch. 8, pp. 122-134)

Zeitlin, "The Dynamics of Misogyny: Myth and Mythmaking in the Oresteia"

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11 The Roman Aristocratic Matron

Thursday, November 10

Read all of the following:

Pomeroy, "The Roman Matron of the Late Republic & Early Empire" (Goddesses ch. 8)

Livy, "The Capture of the Sabine Women" and "The Rape of Lucretia"

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

Boatwright, "Women and Gender in the Forum Romanum"

Carp, "Two Matrons of the Late Republic"

Corbier, "Male Power ... Through Women Under the Julio-Claudians" (WIA ch. 12, pp. 178-193)

Fantham, "Aemilia Pudentilla: Or the Wealthy Widow's Choice" (WIA ch. 14, pp. 220-232)

Fischler, "Social Stereotypes and Historical Analysis: ... Imperial Women at Rome"

12 Beyond the Roman Aristocracy

Thursday, November 17

Read all of the following:

Pomeroy, "Women of the Roman Lower Classes" (Goddesses ch. 9, pp. 190-204)

"The Twelve Tables", fragments

Ovid, from Metamorphosis

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

Curran, "Rape and Rape Victims in The Metamorphoses"

Hallett, "The Role of Women in Roman Elegy: Counter-Cultural Feminism", with responses

Roller, "Horizontal Women: Posture and Sex in the Roman Convivium"

Savunen, "Women and Elections in Pompeii" (WIA ch. 13, pp. 194-206)

Warren, "The Women of Etruria"

No Meeting

Thursday, November 24

13 Women and the Roman Religion

Thursday, December 1

Read all of the following:

Pomeroy, "The Role of Women in the Religion of the Romans" (Goddesses ch. 10, pp. 205-226)

Pliny the Younger, selected letters

Cato on the Oppian Law

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

Beard, "Re-reading (Vestal) Virginité" (WIA ch. 11, pp. 166-177)

Clark, "Roman Women"

Fisher, "Theodora and Antonina in the Historia Arcana: History and/or Fiction?"

Perkell, "On Creusa, Dido, and the Quality of Victory in Virgil's Aeneid"

14 The Hellenistic and Graeco-Roman Eras

Thursday, December 8

Read all of the following:

Pomeroy, "Hellenistic Women" (Goddesses ch. 7, pp. 120-148)

Pomeroy, "The Elusive Women of Classical Antiquity" (Goddesses epilogue, pp. 227-230)

Plutarch, "Advice to the Bride and Groom"

Plutarch, Roman Accounts of Cleopatra

Also read one of these scholarly articles:

King, "Self-Help, Self-Knowledge: ... Patient in Hippocratic Gynaecology" (WIA ch. 9)

Lefkowitz, "Influential Women"

Pomeroy, "Infanticide in Hellenistic Greece"

Pomeroy, "Spartan Women among the Romans: Adapting Models, Forging Identities"

Thonemann, "The Women of Akmonia"

Position Paper due the Monday before

Final Exam (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 15