

WOMEN IN ANTIQUITY

Meeting 13 **Women and the Roman Religion**

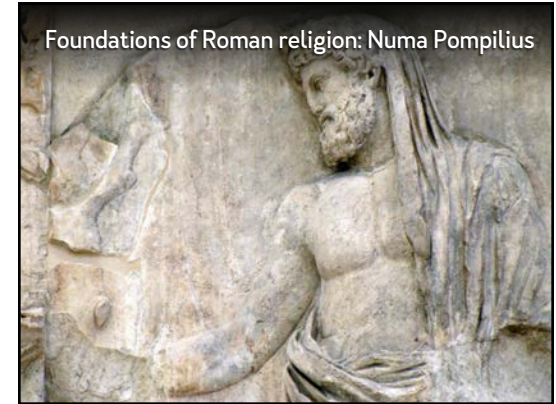
- Roman religion
- Roman goddesses
- Cato's speech

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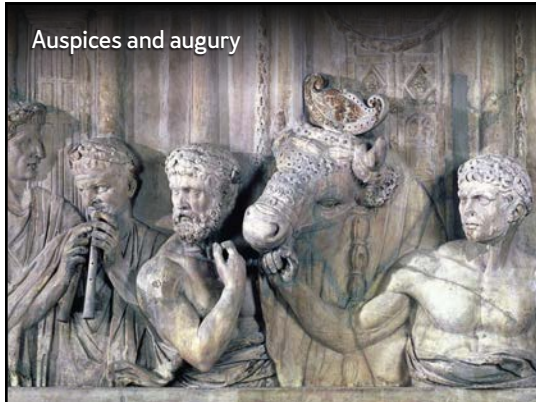
Upcoming dates

- Monday 5 December **Position Paper** due via BlackBoard
- Thursday 15 December **Final Exam** 6:15–8:15 p.m.

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Auspices and augury

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Priesthoods attributed to Numa

Curiones	Sacrifices for the curiae (assemblies)
Flamines	Priests dedicated to a specific god
Celeres	Romulus's bodyguard
Augurs	Divination
Vestals	Tenders of the sacred fire
Salii	Twelve youths carrying Juppiter's shields
Fetiales	Sacred heralds
Pontiffs	Religious advisors to the state; public rituals

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Roman Religion

- **Numen**
Spirits investing key aspects of Roman world
 - Janus doorways, past/future
 - Vesta hearth, persistence, protection of things as they should be
 - Terminus boundaries
 - Penates household guardians
 - Lares household guardians

- **Gods of the Roman state**
Anthropomorphized powers interested in Rome's power and legacy
 - Juppiter sky
 - Mars war
 - Quirinus Roman people

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Vesta



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Vestal Virgins



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Fortuna

- Fortuna Virginalis
- Fortuna Promigenia
- Fortuna Muliebris
- Fortuna Virilis



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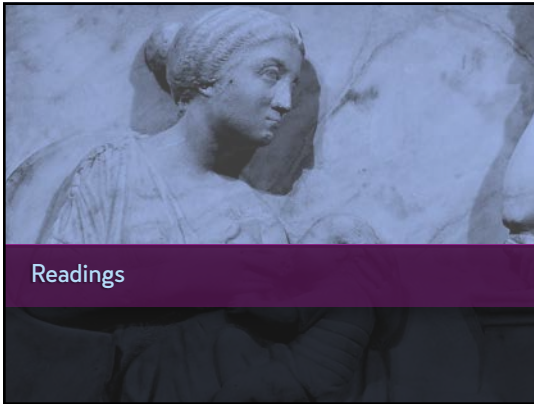
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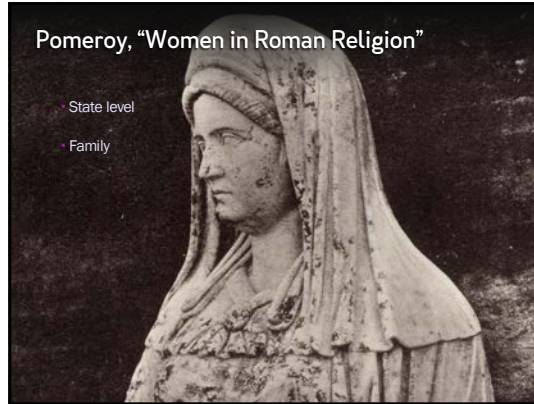
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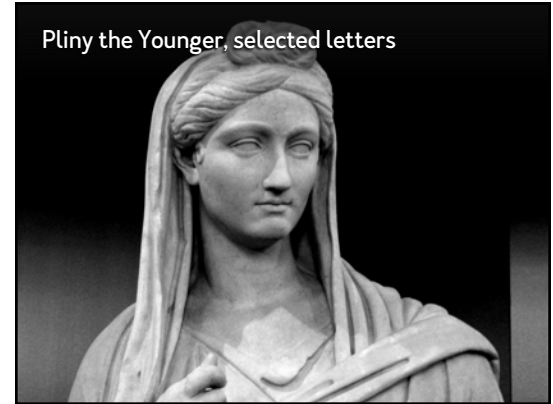
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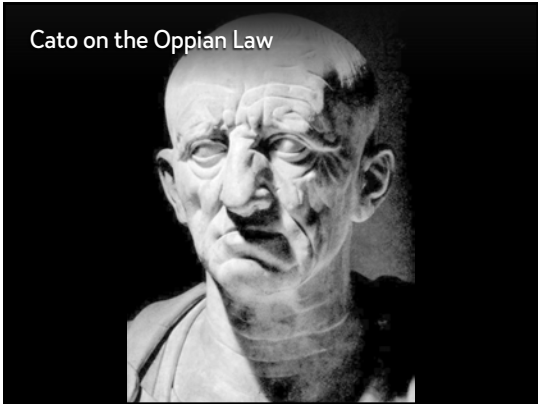
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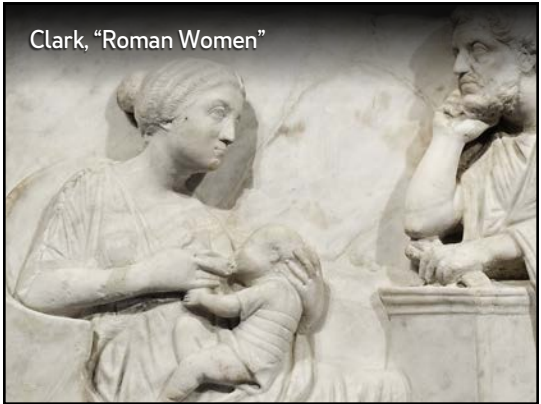
Cato on the Oppian Law

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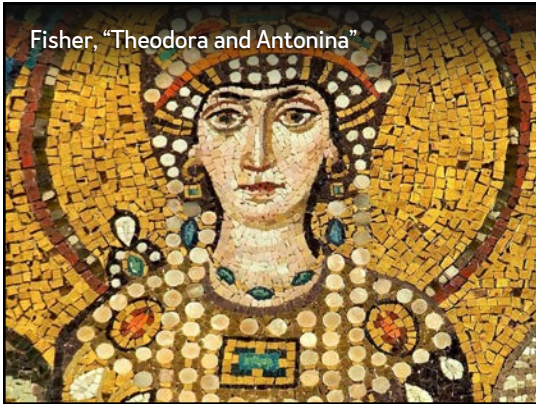
Beard, "Re-reading [Vestal] Virginity"

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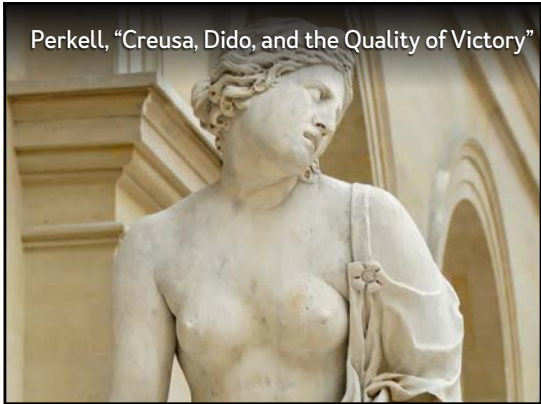
Clark, "Roman Women"

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Fisher, "Theodora and Antonina"

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Perkell, "Creusa, Dido, and the Quality of Victory"

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Roma, 2nd century CE

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