

Schedule of Readings and Assignments

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

Readings listed with the book icon (📖) are from the assigned textbook, Pomeroy, *Goddesses, Whores, Wives, and Slaves*, 2nd Edition. All other readings are linked below.

To prepare for each meeting, you need to read:

- The assigned chapter from the textbook (Pomeroy—these are short),
- The brief primary source excerpts we'll be discussing in class, and
- At least one of the scholarly articles for that week.

September 2024						
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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

1 Introduction and Themes

Tuesday, September 3

📖 Pomeroy, Introduction to *Goddesses*

2 Women in *The Epic of Gilgamesh*

Tuesday, September 10

📖 *Gilgamesh*, Introduction

📖 *Gilgamesh*, Tablet 1: The Coming of Enkidu

📖 *Gilgamesh*, Tablet 2: The Taming of Enkidu

📖 *Gilgamesh*, Tablet 6: Ishtar and the Bull of Heaven

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "Ishtar's Proposal and Gilgamesh's Refusal" / Abusch
- ★ "Initiation and the Primal Woman in *Gilgamesh* and Genesis 2-3" / Bailey
- ★ "Inanna-Ishtar as Paradox and a Coincidence of Opposites" / Harris

GENDER AND THE GREEKS

3 Ancient Goddesses and Gods

Tuesday, September 17

📖 ch. 1, "Goddesses and Gods"

📖 *Theogony* / Hesiod

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "The Cults of Demeter and Kore" / Nixon
- ★ "The Greek Family in History and Myth" / Slater
- ★ "Signifying Difference: The Myth of Pandora" / Zeitlin

4 The Bronze Age and its Homeric Echo

Tuesday, September 24

📖 ch. 2, "Women in the Bronze Age and Homeric Epic"

📖 "Agamemnon's Insult" (from *Iliad*) / Homer

📖 "Nausicaa and the Stranger" (from *Odyssey*) / Homer

📖 "The Artifice of Penelope" (from *Odyssey*) / Homer

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "Early Greece: The Origins of the Western Attitude Toward Women" / Arthur
- ★ "The Divided World of *Iliad* VI" / Arthur
- ★ "Approaching Women Through Myth: Vital Tool or Self-Delusion?" / Dowden
- ★ "Is Female to Male as Nature Is to Culture?" / Ortner

5 Greece Emerging from the Dark Age

Tuesday, October 1

📖 ch. 3, "The Dark Age and the Archaic Period"

📖 *Works and Days* / Hesiod

📖 "Sayings of Spartan Women" / Plutarch

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "Women's Work: Female Transmission of Mythical Narrative" / Heath
- ★ "Sappho and the Heroic Ideal" / Marry
- ★ "Sappho's Private World" / Stigers

6 Women and the Athenian Polis

Tuesday, October 8

📖 ch. 4, "Women and the City of Athens"

📖 from *Eumenides* / Aeschylus

📖 from *The Histories* / Herodotus

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "Women and Culture in Herodotus's *Histories*" / Dewald
- ★ "Ideology and the Status of Women in Ancient Greece" / Katz
- ★ "Women's Identity and the Family in the Classical Polis" / Pomeroy
- ★ "Women and Housing in Classical Greece: The Archaeological Evidence" / Walker

📌 **The Proposal is due Monday, October 14.**

Tuesday, October 15

No meeting—Classes follow a Monday Schedule.

7 Living Unpublicly in Classical Athens

Tuesday, October 22

📖 ch. 5, "Private Life in Classical Athens"

📖 from *The Bacchae* / Euripides

📖 "The Women at the Adonis Festival", from *Idylls* / Theocritus

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "Women's Commensality in the Ancient Greek World" / Burton
- ★ "Classical Greek Attitudes to Sexual Behavior" / Dover
- ★ "Women's Ritual and Men's Work in Ancient Athens" / Foxhall
- ★ "The Menace of Dionysus: Sex Roles and Reversals in Euripides *The Bacchae*" / Segal
- ★ "Women in Their Cups" / Venit

8 Images of Women in Athenian Literature

Tuesday, October 29

📖 ch. 6, "Images of Women in the Literature of Classical Athens"

📖 from *Antigone* / Sophocles

📖 from *Medea* / Euripides

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "The Conception of Women in Athenian Drama" / Foley
- ★ "Some Pythagorean Female Virtues" / Lambropoulou
- ★ "The Dynamics of Misogyny: Myth and Mythmaking in the Oresteia" / Zeitlin

GENDER AND PUBLIC RELIGION

9 The Female Pharaohs of Egypt

Tuesday, November 5

📖 Hatshepsut: From Queen to Pharaoh [packet of selected articles] / Roehrig (ed.)

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "Women in Ancient Egyptian Wisdom Literature" / Depla
- ★ "Women's Monumental Mark on Ancient Egypt" / Lesko
- ★ "The God's Wife of Amun in the 18th Dynasty in Egypt" / Robins

📌 **The Images essay is due Monday, November 4.**

10 Women and the Kingdom of Israel

Tuesday, November 12

📖 *The Book of Esther*

📖 *The Book of Ruth*

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "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" / Archer
- ★ "Reading Between the Lines: Sarah and the Sacrifice of Isaac (*Genesis*, Chapter 22)" / Brock

GENDER AND THE ROMANS

11 The Roman Aristocratic Matron

Tuesday, November 19

- 📖 ch. 8, "The Roman Matron of the Late Republic & Early Empire"
- 📖 "The Capture of the Sabine Women" / Livy
- 📖 "The Rape of Lucretia" / Livy

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "Women and Gender in the Forum Romanum" / Boatwright
- ★ "Two Matrons of the Late Republic" / Carp
- ★ "Male Power ... Through Women Under the Julio-Claudians" / Corbier
- ★ "Aemilia Pudentilla: Or the Wealthy Widow's Choice" / Fantham
- ★ "Social Stereotypes and Historical Analysis: ... Imperial Women at Rome" / Fischler

12 Beyond the Roman Aristocracy

Tuesday, November 26

- 📖 ch. 9, "Women of the Roman Lower Classes"
- 📖 "The Twelve Tables", fragments
- 📖 selections from *Metamorphoses* / Ovid

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "Rape and Rape Victims in *The Metamorphoses*" / Curran
- ★ "The Role of Women in Roman Elegy: Counter-Cultural Feminism", with responses / Hallett
- ★ "Horizontal Women: Posture and Sex in the Roman Convivium" / Roller
- ★ "Women and Elections in Pompeii" / Savunen
- ★ "The Women of Etruria" / Warren

13 Women and the Roman Religion

Tuesday, December 3

- 📖 ch. 10, "The Role of Women in the Religion of the Romans"
- 📖 "Cato on the Oppian Law" / Livy
- 📖 selected letters / Pliny the Younger

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "Re-reading (Vestal) Virginitas" / Beard
- ★ "Roman Women" / Clark
- ★ "Theodora and Antonina in the *Historia Arcana*: History and/or Fiction?" / Fisher
- ★ "On Creusa, Dido, and the Quality of Victory in Virgil's *Aeneid*" / Perkill

14 The Hellenistic and Graeco-Roman Eras

Tuesday, December 10

- 📖 ch. 7, "Hellenistic Women"
- 📖 Epilogue, "The Elusive Women of Classical Antiquity"
- 📖 "Advice to the Bride and Groom" / Plutarch
- 📖 Roman Accounts of Cleopatra / Plutarch

Also read one of the following:

- ★ "Self-Help, Self-Knowledge: ... Patient in Hippocratic Gynaecology" / King
 - ★ "Influential Women" / Lefkowitz
 - ★ "Infanticide in Hellenistic Greece" / Pomeroy
 - ★ "Spartan Women among the Romans: Adapting Models, Forging Identities" / Pomeroy
 - ★ "The Women of Akmonia" / Thonemann
- 📌 **The Position Paper is due Monday, December 9.**

15 Final Exam

Tuesday, December 17

The final exam will be held in-person on Tuesday, December 17 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. in our normal meeting room.