

“The Rape of Lucretia”

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Women In Antiquity

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What does this reading mean?

The story about Lucretia focuses on the abuse of power and its consequences. Lucretia is known mainly as a virtue who was raped by someone in power. She then committed suicide, which then led to a rebellion that ended the monarchy and began the Roman Republic. This story shows how injustice can lead to change and raise questions and concerns about the power, honor and the treatment that the women receive in this society.



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Author's Perspective



SYMBOL OF VIRTUE

Lucretia represents honor, purity and moral strength in Roman society



VICTIM OF POWER

Lucretia getting raped by Sextus Tarquinius shows the abuse of power by the men of high power



TRIGGER FOR REVOLUTION

Lucretia committing suicide led to rebellion that ended the monarchy which started the Roman Republic

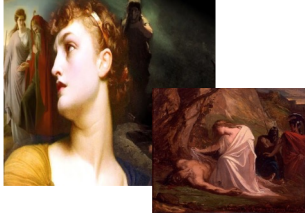


QUESTIONING OF HONOR

Lucretia story raises debates about whether women are being treated correctly in their society, because they are women

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How it relates?



Antigone

- Personal sacrifice for justice
- Challenging power
- Women vs Authority
- Moral and Political Change

Both the Rape of Lucretia and Antigone involves women who sacrifice their lives to challenge authority who are unfair, leading to political change. Both these women stories lead to political change. Their story also highlights how personal tragedy can change moral and societal transformation.

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Q&A



Any questions?

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Thank You!

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