

SCHEDULE OF READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS

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 the optional book, *Women in Antiquity* (Hawley & Levick, eds.); those articles can be accessed by PDF.

1 Introduction and Evidence

Tuesday, February 1

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

2 Women in The Epic of Gilgamesh

Tuesday, February 15

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

Tuesday, February 22

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

Tuesday, March 1

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*

Tuesday, March 8

Read all of the following:

- Pomeroy, "Women in the Bronze Age and Homeric Epic" (*Goddesses* ch. 2, pp. 16–31)
- Homer, selections from *Iliad* and *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?"

6 *Women and the Kingdom of Israel*

Tuesday, March 15

Read all of the following:

The Book of Esther

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)"

7 *Greece Emerging from the Dark Age*

Tuesday, March 22

Read all of the following:

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

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"

Proposal due

8 *Women and the Athenian Polis*

Tuesday, March 29

Read all of the following:

- Pomeroy, "Women and the City of Athens" (*Goddesses* ch. 4, pp. 57–78)
- Aeschylus, from *Eumenides*

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"

9 *Living Unpublicly in Classical Athens*

Tuesday, April 5

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*

Tuesday, April 12

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*"

Images Essay due

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11 *The Roman Aristocratic Matron*

Tuesday, April 26

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*

Tuesday, May 3

Read all of the following:

- Pomeroy, "Women of the Roman Lower Classes" (*Goddesses* ch. 9, pp. 190–204)
- "The Twelve Tables", fragments

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"

13 Women and the Roman Religion

Tuesday, May 10

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

Tuesday, May 17

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"

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"
- Wilson, "Female Sanctity in the Greek Calendar" (*WIA* ch. 16, pp. 233–247)

Position Paper due

Final Exam (6:00–8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 24