

Schedule of Readings and Assignments (Revised)

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 on the course website.

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.

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PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

1 Introduction and Themes

Tuesday, January 30

Watch the Welcome and Orientation video (8:36)

Sign up for your presentations

Read all of the following:

📖 Pomeroy, Introduction to “Goddesses”

2 Women in The Epic of Gilgamesh

Tuesday, February 6

Read all of the following:

📖 *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, February 20

Read all of the following:

📖 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, February 27

Read all of the following:

📖 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, March 5

The Images Essay is due on Monday, March 4.

Read all of the following:

- 📖 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, March 12

Read all of the following:

- 📖 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

7 Living Unpublicly in Classical Athens

Tuesday, March 19

The Proposal is due on Monday, March 18.

Read all of the following:

- 📖 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, March 26

Read all of the following:

- 📖 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

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9 The Female Pharaohs of Egypt

Tuesday, April 2

Read all of the following:

- 📖 *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

10 Women and the Kingdom of Israel

Tuesday, April 9

Read all of the following:

- 📖 *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, April 16

Read all of the following:

- 📖 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, May 7

Read all of the following:

- 📖 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

Tuesday, April 23 and 30

No meeting

Spring recess

13 Women and the Roman Religion

Tuesday, May 14

The Position Paper is due on Monday, May 13.

Read all of the following:

- 📖 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) Virginité" / 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*" / Perkell

14 The Hellenistic and Graeco-Roman Eras

Additional readings

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

- 📖 "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

15 Final Exam

Tuesday, May 21

The final exam will be held in-person on **Tuesday, May 21** from **6:15 to 8:15 p.m.** in our normal meeting room.