Enter the Virtual Worlds of Roman Women

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Here Women are Seen and Heard!

Designed to engage Latin readers at all levels in the discovery of Roman women through essays, texts, and artifacts dating from the Republic to the late Empire, this user-friendly, free online resource is an extension of the reader The Worlds of Roman Women (2005). Companion has been favorably reviewed by the Society for Classical Studies. The website is hosted through the generous support of the Women’s Classical Caucus.

Instructional Resources: click INSTRUCTION on the homepage to find pedagogical and study materials: an introductory guide, an annotated bibliography of print and hyperlinked Internet publications, course syllabi, lessons, classroom activities, and selected online resources to support reading and research.

Texts and Images: click WORLDS on the homepage to access the gateway to texts, essays and images. Each World opens with a themed essay overviewing women’s experiences within that World and links to Latin passages and illustrations of ancient artifacts that evidence it. Each selection is introduced by its own image and essay that set the context for the reading. Each text offers hyperlinked glosses in small pop-up windows containing short lexical, rhetorical, poetic and syntactic commentary. Beneath the Worlds tabs is a hyperlinked TextMap, a list of all Latin passages on the site, ordered by World and labeled for skill level (Easy, Intermediate, Challenging); side panels are linked to documents with the names of Latin authors and Roman women, alphabetically ordered, to be found in the print anthology and on the Companion website.
Recent Collaborations

Tacitus' admiration for the Pisonian conspirator Epicharis (Annales 15.51, 57), Caitlin Gillespie
Cicero's accusations against Antony's wife Fulvia (Philippics 2), Anne Leen and Ann Raia
Tacitus' approval of Pomponia Gracea (Annales 13.32), Caitlin Gillespie
Catullus' hymn to Goddess Diana (Carmina 34), Maria Marsilio mentoring her upper-division Latin class
Martial's epitaph for Brutus' second wife Porcia (Epigrammata 1.42), Kirsty Corrigan
Lucan's portrayal of Cato's second wife Marcia (Bellum Civile 2.326-71), John Jacobs
Tacitus' advice to Agricola's wife & daughter (Agr. passim), Caitlin Gillespie mentoring her grad students
Inscriptions for Vernae, household-born female slaves, Judith Sebesta and Barbara McManus
Fronto's salute to Marcus Aurelius' mother, Domitia Lucilla, Bartolo Natoli and Ann Raia
Funerary text for the businesswoman Urbanilla, Judith Sebesta and Ann Raia
Tacitus' anecdote about Livia's Etruscan friend Urgulania (Annales 2.34, 4.21-22), Caitlin Gillespie
Instructions for the undergraduate Text-Commentary Project, Elizabeth Gloyn

Interactive Strategies

Classroom
- Review Syllabi and Unit Plans (linked at Instructional Resources) for ideas
- Sight-read Companion Latin passages with students in lab or computer classroom setting
- Download instructional materials from Lesson Plans and Activities
- Test Companion with your students for its impact on their motivation and translation skills

Independent
- Assign Latin passages on Roman women for students to prepare for classroom presentation
- Adopt Text-Commentary/Inscription Projects (linked in Activities) as enrichment options
- Mentor a student project for e-publication on Companion

Curricular
- Browse TextMap, graded for skill level, to compose lessons around authors, texts or themes
- Use Resources to set up a virtual visit to the physical setting of a Companion passage
- Create a writing/performance exercise for students to imagine/simulate ancient Roman life
- Compile a sourcebook of Companion texts and images tailored for your classroom

Professional
- Design classroom units or activities for e-publication on Companion
- Annotate a Latin passage about a Roman woman (see Gloyn, "Ovid and his Ars: Preparing a Commentary for the Online Companion" @ CAMWS Teaching Classical Languages, Spring 2015)

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The Online Companion is not just for your students! It showcases teaching and research about Roman women. It is a forum for collaboration with colleagues all over the world. Many resources on the site are products of individual scholarly and pedagogical activity, authored by colleagues who contribute their materials for peer review toward online publication. In addition, our collaborators write articles and give presentations at regional, national, and international conferences, testifying to the benefits of online learning.

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