



Mujeres, Dones, Emakumeak, Mulleres de Grecia y Roma

Gynaikes, Mulieres: Mujeres, Dones, Emakumeak, Mulleres de Grecia y Roma (FCT-21-16887)	
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High Empire (1st century AD)	
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<p>Source (in original language written sources: Greek, Latin):</p> <p>Roxane nomine, eximia corporis specie et decore habitus in barbarie raro. Quae quamquam inter electas processerat, omnium tamen oculos convertit in se, maxime regis minus iam cupiditatibus suis imperantis inter obsequia fortunae, contra quam non satis cauta mortalitas est. Itaque ille, qui uxorem Darei, qui duas filias virgines, quibus forma praeter Roxanen comparari nulla potuerat, haud alio animo quam parentis aspexerat, tunc in amorem virgunculae, si regiae stirpi compararetur, ignobilis ita effusus est, ut diceret ad stabiliendum regnum pertinere Persas et Macedones conubio iungi: hoc uno modo et pudorem victis et superbiam victoribus detrahi posse. Achillem quoque, a quo genus ipse deduceret, cum captiva coisset: ne inferri nefas arbitrentur victi, matrimonii iure velle iungi.</p> <p>(Curtius Rufus, Quintus. <i>Historiarum Alexandri Magni Macedonis libri qui supersunt</i>. Edmund Hedicke. in aedibus B.G. Teubneri. Lipsiae. 1908.)</p>	<p>Translation:</p> <p><i>...Roxane by name, a Maiden of remarkable beauty of person, and of a dignity of bearing uncommon among barbarians. She, although she had entered among an elite group, yet drew the eyes of all to her, especially of the king, who by now had less mastery over his passions amid the constant indulgence of Fortune, against whom mortal man is not sufficiently on his guard. And so he, who had looked upon the wife of Darius and his two maiden daughters, to whom none save Roxane could be compared in beauty, with no other feeling than that of a father, was then so transported with love for this little maiden, of obscure birth in comparison with royal stock, that he said that it was important for establishing his empire that Persians and Macedonians be joined in wedlock; that only in that way could shame be taken from the conquered and haughtiness from the victor. Achilles also, he said, from whom he traced his ancestry, had united with a captive maiden; lest the vanquished should think that a wrong was being done to them, he wished to be joined with Roxane in lawful wedlock.</i></p> <p>(Quintus Curtius Rufus, <i>History of Alexander</i>, VIII, 4, 23-26. Translated by John C. Rolfe)</p>
Didactic activity (if applicable):	