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**GCSE (9–1) Classical Civilisation**

**J199/12 Women in the ancient world**

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# SECTION A

Greece

SOURCE A: Detail from a Greek cup





## SOURCE B: Detail from a Greek cup



## SOURCE C

**“On a later occasion Simos brought Neaira here to the Great Panathenaic Festival...and they put up at the house of Ctesippus. The defendant Neaira drank and dined with them in the presence of a large company...”  
(L&F p.74)**

## **SOURCE D**

**Praxagora:**

**Listen to me and you might save  
yourselves yet:**

**I say we should give the city over to the  
women,**

**Since we employ them as stewards and  
treasurers in our own homes.**

**Aristophanes – ‘Assemblywomen’**



## SECTION B

### Rome

#### SOURCE E: Fresco of a woman, from Pompeii



## **SOURCE F**

**When he was discovered, he was taken through the doors by the women and thrown out of the house. That night the women went right off and told their husbands about the affair, and during the day the story spread through the city that Clodius had been involved in sacrilege and had committed injustice against not only those he had insulted, but the city and the gods.**

**Plutarch – ‘Caesar’ 10.3 L&F p.293**

## SOURCE G

Here are cold springs, Lycoris, here  
soft meadows, here woodland; here  
with you, only the passage of time  
would wear me away. But now a mad  
passion for the stern god of war keeps  
me in arms, amid clashing steel and  
fronting foes;

Virgil – 10<sup>th</sup> eclogue

[https://www.theoi.com/Text/VirgilEclogues.  
html#10](https://www.theoi.com/Text/VirgilEclogues.html#10)



## **SOURCE H**

**The tribunes, Marcus and Publius Iunius Brutus, supported the Oppian Law, and would not allow its repeal to be passed. Many noble men came forward to speak for or against it, and a crowd of the law's assenters and dissenters filled the Capitoline. But the women could not be kept in their homes; not by persuasion or prudence, nor the orders of their husbands. Instead, they blockaded all the streets and routes to the Forum, and pleaded with the men as they came down, saying that the state was flourishing and men's personal wealth was growing every day, so they should also allow women to have their former fineries returned. The crowd of women grew bigger each day, as they were coming from the towns and neighbouring provinces. Before long, they dared to approach the consuls, the praetors, and the other officials, and make an appeal to them. At the very least, they found one consul who was easily persuaded: Marcus Porcius Cato,**

**who spoke in favour of the repeal for which they were eager.**

**Livy – ‘History of Rome’ 34.1**

## **SECTION C**

### **Greece and Rome**

#### **SOURCE I: Bassae frieze (BM538)**



#### **SOURCE J**

**The virgin huntress singling him out  
from all the press  
of battle, either hoping to hang his  
Trojan weapons  
in the temple, or to display herself in  
captured gold,**



pursued him blindly, and raged  
recklessly through the ranks,  
with a feminine desire for prizes and  
spoil,  
when Arruns, finally seizing his chance,  
raised his spear  
from ambush and prayed aloud, like  
this, to heaven:  
'Highest of gods, Apollo, guardian of  
holy Soracte,  
whose chief followers are we for whom  
the blaze of the pine-wood  
fire is fed, and who as worshippers,  
confident in our faith,  
plant our steps on deep embers among  
the flames,  
all-powerful father grant that this shame  
be effaced  
by our weapons. I seek no prize, no  
trophy of the girl's defeat,  
no spoils: some other deed will bring  
me fame:  
only let this dreadful scourge fall  
wounded under my blow,  
and I'll return without glory to the cities  
of my ancestors.'

Virgil – 'Aeneid' XI



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