

SYLLABUS

Ovid's *Metamorphoses*

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Mondays Sept 12 - Oct 17 1:00-2:30

READING SCHEDULE

Week

1. Sept. 12 **Books One and Two:** Creation. Four Ages. Flood. Apollo & Daphne. Jove & Io. Phaeton. Europa.
2. Sept. 19 **Books Three, Four, Five:** Cadmus. Actaeon. Semele. Tiresias. Echo & Narcissus. Pentheus & Bacchus. Pyramus & Thisbe. Mars & Venus. Perseus. Minerva & Muses. Ceres & Proserpina
3. Sept. 26 **Books Six, Seven, Eight:** Niobe. Philomena. Jason & Medea. Scylla. Daedalus & Icarus. Theseus. Baucis & Philemon.
4. Oct. 3 **Books Nine, Ten:** Deianira. Hercules. Orpheus & Eurydice. Ganymede. Apollo & Hyacinthus. Pygmalion. Adonis. Atalanta.
5. Oct. 10 **Books Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen:** Orpheus. Troy. Nestor. Battle with Centaurs. Ajax & Ulysses. Sacrifice of Polyxena. Aeneas. Galatea. Polyphemus.
6. Oct. 17 **Books Fourteen, Fifteen** Aeneas continued. Diomedes. Legendary History of Rome. Numa. Pythagoras. Hippolytus. Aesculapius. Caesar.

Welcome to everyone in the class!

I recommend that before each meeting you read all the stories in the books assigned for that day, with special attention to the individual stories noted above. You are welcome to use any translation or edition of the work, but references in class will be to the new annotated Indiana University Press edition translated by Rolfe Humphries. In each class I'll be presenting some images and commentary related to the stories, but the major focus will be on discussion of the stories, especially on any relevance these whimsical ancient tales may have to our lives and times.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, on Zoom.

George