

## CLA/ WLIT 196 Ancient Lyric Poetry. Spring 2007

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**Time / Place:** Class meets MWF 10:10-11:00am, Lafayette 403

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**Course Webpage:** <http://www.kingmixers.com/CLA196>. Here I will post any changes to the syllabus, have links to E-reserves, and a list of library resources which will help with assignments. E-reserves will also be available in the normal way from the Bailey-Howe webpage

### Course description:

Songs of love and lust, sorrow and joy, praise and blame, politics and the cosmos from the ancient Near East, Greece and Rome. Wide-ranging, fast-paced survey of texts combined with regular secondary reading and introductions to cultural-historical settings. This is a reading-intensive class, both ancient poems and secondary readings about social/historical settings and/or interpretive issues. To ensure that the reading is getting done—with the higher goal of better class-room discussion—there will be quizzes almost every day. Midterm and final also address the larger pictures developed in class. Some minor public speaking will also be expected in connection with projects involving online or in-stack research. There will also be several creative assignments.

### Required Textbooks

Jacobsen, T., *The Harps that Once . . . Sumerian Poetry in Translation* (New Haven and London, 1987).

Fowler, B. H. (ed.), *Archaic Greek Poetry: An Anthology* (Madison, Wisconsin, 1992).

Rayor, D. J. (ed.), *Latin Lyric and Elegiac Poetry: An Anthology of New Translations* (New York, 1994).

### Optional Textbook:

Fowler, B. H. (ed.), *Hellenistic Poetry: An Anthology* (Madison, Wisconsin, 1990).

### Online Readings:

ETCSL = *Electronic Text Corpus of Sumerian Literature* (Oxford): <http://www-etcsl.orient.ox.ac.uk/>. Click “corpus content by number”, then enter assigned poem number.

RSV = The Bible, Revised Standard Version: <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/rsv.browse.html>

### Course requirements and grading:

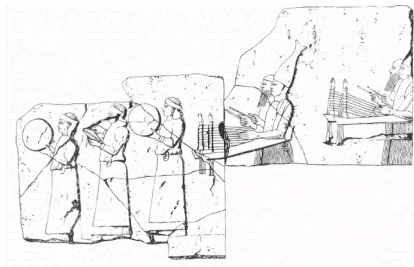
35% Preparation of readings, assessed by a brief quiz on each assignment.

25% Research / writing projects.

40% Midterm and Final

### Harsh Attendance Policy:

For every **three** unexcused absences, the final grade is lowered by one letter. An excused absence is one which has been officially approved (e.g. athletic) or appropriately documented afterwards (unexpected illness or emergency). Only then may quizzes or tests be rescheduled and due assignments handed-in.



DATE	IN-CLASS TOPIC	READING (to be quizzed in next class)
1/17	Introduction	
1/19	Overview of Mesopotamia	E-reserve (CANE)
1/22	Sumerian 1: Sacred Marriage	Jacobsen, <i>Harps</i>
1/24	Sumerian 2: Temple hymns	Jacobsen, <i>Harps</i>
1/26	Sumerian 3: Royal and Divine praise hymns	Jacobsen + ETCSL (online)
1/29	Sumerian 4: Lamentations	Jacobsen, <i>Harps</i>
1/31	Akkadian 1: Enuma elish	E-reserve
2/2	Akkadian 2: Atrahasis / other flood stories	E-reserve
2/5	Akkadian 3: divine hymns and love lyrics	E-reserve
2/7	Overview of Hurro-Hittite World	E-reserve (CANE x 2)
2/9	'Kumarbi cycle' / Hesiod: <i>Theogony</i>	E-reserve
2/12	Overview of West Semitic World	E-reserve (CANE)
2/14	Ugarit: 'Baal cycle' / ritual texts	E-reserve
2/16	Israel/Judah 1: Songs of the patriarchal age; Song of Songs	RSV (online)
[2/19]		President's day no class
2/21	Israel/Judah 2: Psalms	RSV (online)
2/23	Prophetic texts in comparative perspective	E-reserve and RSV (online)
2/26	Overview of Egypt	E-reserve (CANE)
2/28	Egypt 1. Hymns (Aton et al.)	E-reserve and RSV (online)
3/2	Egypt 2. Love Lyrics	E-reserve
3/5	<b>MIDTERM:</b> Ancient Near East	
3/7	Introduction to Greece	E-reserve
3/9	Homeric Hymns	Fowler, <i>Archaic</i>
[3/12-16]	Spring break no class	Spring break no class
3/19	Archilochus, Semonides, Hipponax	Fowler, <i>Archaic</i> ; E-reserve
3/21	Sappho, Korinna, Praxilla	Fowler, <i>Archaic</i>
3/23	Alkaios	Fowler, <i>Archaic</i>
3/26	Sparta: Terpander, Alkman, Tyrtaios	Fowler, <i>Archaic</i> ; E-reserve
3/28	Symposium: Anakreon, Ibykos, Theognis, Xenophanes	Fowler, <i>Archaic</i> ; E-reserve (Xenophanes)
3/30	Solon (incl. Herodotus)	Fowler, <i>Archaic</i> ; E-reserve
4/2	Kallinos, Stesichorus, Mimnermus	Fowler, <i>Archaic</i>
4/4	Pindar	Fowler, <i>Archaic</i>
4/6	Bakchylides, Simonides	Fowler, <i>Archaic</i>
4/9	Attic Drama	E-reserve
4/11	Hellenistic 1: Theocritus, Vergil	Fowler, <i>Hellenistic</i> / E-reserve
4/13	Hellenistic 2: Callimachos	Fowler, <i>Hellenistic</i> / E-reserve
4/16	Hellenistic 3: Greek Anthology	Fowler, <i>Hellenistic</i> / E-reserve
4/18	Introduction to Rome	E-reserve
4/20	Lucretius, Vergil	E-reserve
4/23	Catullus	Rayor, <i>Latin Lyric</i>
4/25	Propertius	Rayor, <i>Latin Lyric</i>
4/27	Tibullus, Sulpicia	Rayor, <i>Latin Lyric</i>
4/30	Horace	Rayor, <i>Latin Lyric</i>
5/2	Ovid	Rayor, <i>Latin Lyric</i>
5/10	FINAL:Greece & Rome: 8:00-11:00 Lafayette 403	

REPUTABLE REFERENCE WORKS (mostly in reference area, first floor Bailey/Howe)

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A FEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES:

The Bible (Revised Standard Version), <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/rsv.browse.html>

Electronic Text Corpus of Sumerian Literature, <http://www-etcs1.orient.ox.ac.uk/>

Perseus Digital Library (Greco-Roman texts and civilization), <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu>

Portal to Ancient World Resources (compiled K. C. Hanson):  
<http://www.kchanson.com/LINKS/ancweb.html#8>

MAGIS: Mediterranean Archaeology GIS, <http://cgma.depauw.edu/MAGIS/>

