

**The Vestals: Online Visual & Textual Resources for the Latin Classroom**  
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**Web Resources for Text and Image:**

[Online Companion to the Worlds of Roman Women](#)

[Vestal Project in the World of Religion](#)

A. Gellius, *Noctes Atticae* I.12.1-19: Choosing a *Virgo Vestae*

Cornelius Tacitus, *Annales* II. 86.1-2: Occia (d. 19 CE), *Virgo Vestalis Maxima*

T. Livius, *Ab Urbe Condita* IV. 44: Postumia (fl. 420 BCE), on trial for *incestum*

*Atrium Vestae*: Residence of the Vestals in the Roman Forum

Monumental Inscriptions for *Virgines Vestales Maximae* (Atrium Courtyard)

Commemorative Statues of *Virgines Vestales Maximae* (Atrium Courtyard)

Vestal Hairdressing: Recreating the 'Seni Crines': video, Janet Stephens, Hair Archaeologist

Images of Vestal Priestesses

List of Known Vestals by name in Chronological Order

[Roman Religious Experience](#): a project by Dr. Steven Green, University of Leeds, in conjunction with his students:

*Vestalia*: An Introduction

*Vestal Virgins*: 8 Stories told by people of various classes celebrating the *Vestalia*