

Shakespeare Heroines Part 2
Newberry Library Winter-Spring 2017
Syllabus/Reading Guide for Week One

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The remainder of the syllabus will be distributed during the first class session.

You can read from any printed or on-line edition of the plays. The following editions are stocked in the Newberry Bookstore and are used below to indicate page numbers: The Oxford Shakespeare: **Titus Andronicus** (ISBN: 978-0199536108); The Arden Shakespeare: **Romeo and Juliet** (ISBN: 978-1903436912); The Arden Shakespeare: **Othello** (ISBN: 978-1903436455); The Arden Shakespeare: **The Merchant of Venice** (ISBN: 978-1903436813); The Oxford Shakespeare: **The First Part of Henry VI** (ISBN: 978-0199537105); The Oxford Shakespeare **The Second Part of Henry VI** (ISBN: 978-0199537426); The Oxford Shakespeare: **The Third Part of Henry VI** (ISBN: 978-0199537112); The Oxford Shakespeare: **Richard III** (ISBN: 978-0199535880)

“3.1” refers to Act 3, Scene 1. Act/Scene divisions sometimes vary among editions. The starting point of each reading assignment is indicated by the first quoted line/the ending point is indicated by the second quoted line. It is better to go by the lines of texts than the act/scene numbers, since sometimes only parts of scenes are listed for each week.

It is best to read the plays in their entirety. Since that would mean assigning too many pages for each week (according to Newberry guidelines), the next best thing is to read the assigned pages plus a summary of the entire play. There are many on-line summaries. Some of the Shakespeare editions having summaries printed with the full play.

Week 1, March 1, 2017

Introduction to Class

Introduction to the Newberry Library

Character: **Tamora**

Play: **Titus Andronicus**

Reading Assignment: 66 pp.

- 1.1 83-106; 24 pp. "Noble patricians, patrons of my right"/"Be it so, Titus, and gramercy too."
- 2.3 114-122; 9 pp. "He that had wit would think that I had none"/"And let my speenful sons this trull deflower."
- 2.4 127-129; 3 pp. "So now go tell, an if thy tongue can speak"/"O, could our mourning ease thy misery!"
- 4.2 151-159; 9 pp. "Demetrius, here's the son of Lucius"/"To be a warrior, and command a camp."
- 5.2 175-184; 10 pp. "Thus, in this strange and sad habiliment"/"And see them ready against their mother comes."
- 5.3 184-194; 11 pp. "Uncle Marcus, since 'tis my father's mind"/"And being dead, let birds on her take pity."