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Captivity Texts Reading List
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THEORETICAL AND CRITICAL FRAMES – CLASSICAL AND MEDIEVAL

2. Boethius. Consolation of Philosophy
4. Plato. Crito (Socrates in prison), Gorgias (excerpt: judgment of souls), and The Republic
5. Short texts: Athanasius, Apology in Vindication of Flight; Pliny the Younger, Letters to Sabinianus (#s 103, 105); Tertullian, Concerning Flight in Persecution

THEORETICAL AND CRITICAL FRAMES – EARLY MODERN

6. Grotius. Commentary of 1642

THEORETICAL AND CRITICAL FRAMES – MODERN

10. Agamben, Giorgio. Remnants of Auschwitz: the Witness and the Archive
11. Foucault. Discipline and Punish
12. Frankl, Viktor. Man’s Search for Meaning

CAPTIVITY STORIES – BIBLICAL AND MEDIEVAL

14. Passion of Perpetua (trans. Shewring), The Dispute Between Mary and the Cross (Vernon MS, TEAMS edition)
15. Life of St. Christina by William Paris (TEAMS)
16. All poetry in The Kingis Quair and Other Prison Poems (ed. Mooney and Arn) other than The Kingis Quair itself, which is on my Medieval Reading List. This poetry includes: Ashby, Complaint of a Prisoner in the Fleet 1463; Charles of Orleans, Fortunes Stabilnes; Complaint of a Prisoner against Fortune; The Lufaris Complaint

CAPTIVITY STORIES – EARLY MODERN

17. Behn, Aphra. Oroonoko
19. Galileo trial documents from The Essential Galileo (trans./ed. Finocchiaro)
Holinshed's account of Elizabeth's captivity (a short text)
23. Nashe, Thomas. The Unfortunate Traveller
24. Rowlandson, Mary. The True Story of the Captivity of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson
   Among the Indians
25. Smith, John. True Travels, Adventures, and Observations of Captain John Smith
   (excerpts – Turkish enslavement)

CAPTIVITY STORIES – LATER EXAMPLES

27. Defoe, Daniel. Moll Flanders
28. Douglass, Frederick. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave
30. Wiesel, Elie. Night
31. Wilde, Oscar. De Profundis

SECONDARY TEXTS

1. Bender, John. Imagining the Penitentiary: Fiction and the Architecture of Mind in
   Eighteenth-Century England
2. Colley, Linda. Captives: Britain, Empire, and the World, 1600-1850
3. Dunbabin, Jean. Captivity and Imprisonment in Medieval Europe: 1000-1300
4. Finley, Moses. Ancient Slavery and Modern Ideology
5. Jackson, Ken. Separate Theaters: Bethlem ("Bedlam") Hospital and the
   Shakespearian Stage
7. Le Goff, Jacques. The Birth of Purgatory
8. Malina, Bruce J. Social Science Commentary on the Letters of Paul
9. Patterson, Orlando. Freedom in the Making of Western Culture
10. Scarry, Elaine. The Body in Pain

BACKGROUND TEXTS (read excerpts as necessary)

Davis, David Brion. The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture
Norris and Rothman. The Oxford History of the Prison