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

1. Bible (New Testament: *Acts, Galatians, Philemon*)
2. Boethius. *Consolation of Philosophy*
3. Gnostic texts (excerpts of Sethian, Valentinian, and Cathar literature from *The Gnostic Bible*, ed. Barnstone and Meyer)
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
7. Hobbes. *Leviathan*
8. Locke. *Second Treatise of Government, Essay concerning Human Understanding* (excerpt: "Of Power")
9. Rousseau. *Discourse on Inequality, The Social Contract*

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

13. Old Testament: *Exodus, Judges, Job, Daniel*
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*
18. Cervantes. The "Captive's Tale" from *Don Quixote* (trans. Raffel); *The Bagnios of Algiers, The Great Sultana* (trans. Fuchs and Ilika)

19. Galileo trial documents from *The Essential Galileo* (trans./ed. Finocchiaro)
20. Gerard, John. *Autobiography of a Hunted Priest* (trans. Caraman)
- Holinshed's account of Elizabeth's captivity (a short text)
21. Mary, Queen of Scots. *Letters and Poems*. (ed. Bax)
22. More, Thomas. *A Dialogue of Comfort Against Tribulation*, Prison Letters
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

26. Beecher-Stow, Harriet. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
27. Defoe, Daniel. *Moll Flanders*
28. Douglass, Frederick. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*
29. Levi, Primo. *Survival in Auschwitz*
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*
6. Langbain, John H. *Torture and the Law of Proof*
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*