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- *The Archaeology of Sanitation in Roman Italy: Toilets, Sewers, and Water Systems*, Ann Olga Koloski-Ostrow (Univ. of North Carolina, ppk, 2018)
Various articles and chapters found elsewhere (under the 'course readings' button on our OWL site)

Dirt: dust, soil, refuse, excrement, bacteria, filth, sleaze, slime, smut-- the word easily changes its meaning from the physical to the moral. Dirt, the cause of pollution, contamination and the taboo, is interpreted according to pre-existing anxieties and social norms, including those of religion, empire, individualism, race, gender, and class: different

antiquity; mortality, disease, and poverty; religious pollution and miasma; apotropaism and the evil eye; curse tablets and sexual graffiti; filth and the senses (taste, smell, and sight); and pollution and death.

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knowledge of critical vocabularies, methods of analysis, histories and concerns related to social and material pollution

the ability to apply this knowledge to contemporary discussions of social contamination and ecological pollution

To become aware of the problems with and limitations of using ancient archaeological and literary evidence.

To investigate modern reactions to, interpretations of, and preconceptions about that evidence.

understand the cultural importance of dirt, pollution, and waste disposal and explain how each is both a reflection and an influence on a society

an advanced understanding of the importance of historical perspective, and how social norms and customs and the construction and consumption of material culture (e.g. architecture, sculpture and painting) is a product of time, events and context;

an understanding of how iconography/symbolism in any historical period may be used *inter alia* to signify cultural identity, political power, state nationalism, and historical memorial

the ability of critical visual analysis of archaeological evidence, and the results of such analysis, to formulate, develop, and argue an hypothesis/thesis based on this primary evidence;

a developed understanding of the limits of archaeological evidence in the reconstruction of ancient societies and the restrictions the material record places on our ability to formulate hypotheses and interpretations;

students are required to choose _____ of our readings in advance and prepare questions and comments for discussion in class. (Our textbook is from these).

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Fantham. E. 2012. Purification in ancient Rome. In M. Bradley (ed) *Rome, Pollution and Propriety: Dirt, Disease and Hygiene in the Eternal City from Antiquity to Modernity*. Cambridge University Press: 59- 66.

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