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Teaching the politics of Virgil's Aeneid

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### **Recommended reading for students:**

- The *Cambridge Companion to Virgil*, 2019 new edition, ed. F. Mac Gorain and C. Martindale: essays by Martindale (Introduction), Kennedy ('Modern Receptions' and 'Virgilian epic'), Tarrant ('Poetry and power: Virgil's poetry in Contemporary Context'), Barchiesi ('Ekphrasis') and Mac Gorain ('Authority')
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## On ekphrasis, looking at art, perspective and the gaze in Virgil:

Barchiesi 1997=2019: Heroic epic 'was held to be a narrative form oriented towards the production of visual effects and the recreation of an eyewitness reaction to events' (p414).

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#### - Points of focus, and passages to juxtapose (with select bibliography):

 Monumental facades: depiction of the Trojan War on the temple to Juno at Carthage (*Aen.*1.450-93)

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State-sponsored art? Ennius' Annals in miniature? The shield of Aeneas (8.625-731)

P.R. Hardie, 'The shield of Aeneas. The cosmic icon' in Hardie *Cosmos and Imperium* Cambridge 1986.

Hidden pictures: Pallas' sword-belt, worn by Turnus, seen by Aeneas (12.940-944).

M. Putnam 'Virgil's Danaid ekphrasis' in Illinois Classical Studies 19, 1994: 171-89

A.Barchiesi, 'The Death of Pallas' in Barchiesi, Homeric Effects in Vergil's Narrative, Princeton 2015, pp.1-34.

#### Useful questions for drawing out debate on the politics of (reading) these passages:

- 1. Who views the images? How do they view?
- 2. What is hidden from view? For whom?
- 3. How is the 'focaliser's' perception mediated by the narrative voice, or voices?
- 4. What is the relationship between ekphrasis and surrounding narrative? Does the artwork tell a different story, in a different way? Does it allow us to see something new?
- 5. To what extent is the political impact or meaning of the ekphrasis contained or suppressed by virtue of it being set apart from the main narrative?
- 6. Virgil suggests that viewing is a creative activity and that meaning is a matter for negotiation (Barchiesi p.420): Discuss.