




# Virgines Vestalis




# Origin

- Numa Pompilius
  - Prosperity and welfare
  - Palladium
  - Cleaning the floor of Veseta temple
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# Social status and rights

- ▶ Not under power of their father
  - ▶ Pontifex maximus
  - ▶ Lictor
  - ▶ Testament
  - ▶ Punishment
  - ▶ Virgines and prisoners
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# Virgines Vestalis and archaic time

- ▶ Mary Beard – aspect of mother, daughter and man
  - ▶ James Frazer – women for kings
  - ▶ Georges Dumézil – transition from matriarchy to patriarchy
  - ▶ Robert Graves – protecting of a phallic palladium
  - ▶ A. Staple and H. N. Parker
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# Virgines Vestalis and other stories

- Silva Rhea
  - Gallic sack of Rome (387 BC)
  - Aemilia
  - Tuccia
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