

## Comparison between poets' Attitudes to Love

Both Ovid and Propertius have quite similar views of women. Both poets believe that women are a central part of life and very important. In Propertius' poem susceptibility he discusses how he can easily fall in love just by walking down the street. He describes the things about women that he admires and how he will always want to look at women. "I'll keep my eye for beautiful women till the very end." Propertius wants to look at women and to write about them as well. Similarly, Ovid talks about women in the same way. In his poetry of susceptibility, he gives advice to women in his poem "advice to women." he tells them that the most important thing for a woman to do is to look pretty. "Your chiefest duty ... I will tell you how to keep your beauty." Ovid clearly expresses that he wants a beautiful woman and that is most important to look good for a man. It is obvious that both Ovid and Propertius like beautiful women.

I also believe that both Ovid and Propertius understand the pain of love. Propertius focuses on the emotional pain while Ovid focuses on the physical pain of love. In Propertius poem gone he talks about how his one true love has left him for another man. He mentioned her flirting with other men in front of him and never returning his feelings. "Yet all the time I had her she would never say the words I love you." this shows how Propertius deals with being emotionally hurt. The girl he loved never felt the same way he did. Ovid explores the physical pain of love in his poem unfair. He discusses how demanding his love interest is and that he cannot seem to do anything without upsetting her. "If I admire not are you tear out my hair by the roots." Ovid is clearly hurt by his love interest. While both poets feel pain in love they explore different aspects of pain.

Both poets are different when it comes to the specific type of women they admire. Propertius chooses to focus on being intimate and passionate with one woman while Ovid likes to focus on materialistic and silly women. In Propertius poem Cynthia, He focuses on being intimate with his lover. "So, take off your close when you go to bed or I'll turn them off." Propertius is clearly quite violent here as he addresses his lover. It is evident that he wants to focus on one girl and to have all her attention. He also wants to have passion in his relationship. Ovid is very different in his poem art of love. He gives advice to men about how to keep a beautiful but not very smart woman. He informs men that the girls

will stay with you if you provide her with materialistic things. "she borrows much but won't repay if course." Ovid is not interested in having an intimate relationship like Propertius. He just wants a pretty woman who he can admire and brag about. While both poets differ in some aspects of love overall, they both have very similar attitudes towards women.