

WOMEN AS PARTNERS IN *THE ODYSSEY* AND *THE AENEID*

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Women, whether mortal or immortal, serve as many types of partners in *The Odyssey* and *The Aeneid*, some playing positive roles and others negative ones. It can even be argued that each partnership between the heroes and the women form the majority of the epic. This paper examines women whose actions are vital in shaping the journeys of Odysseus and Aeneas. Every partnership between the heroes and the women they meet is central to the development of each story, and each partnership also gives the reader insight to the heroes.