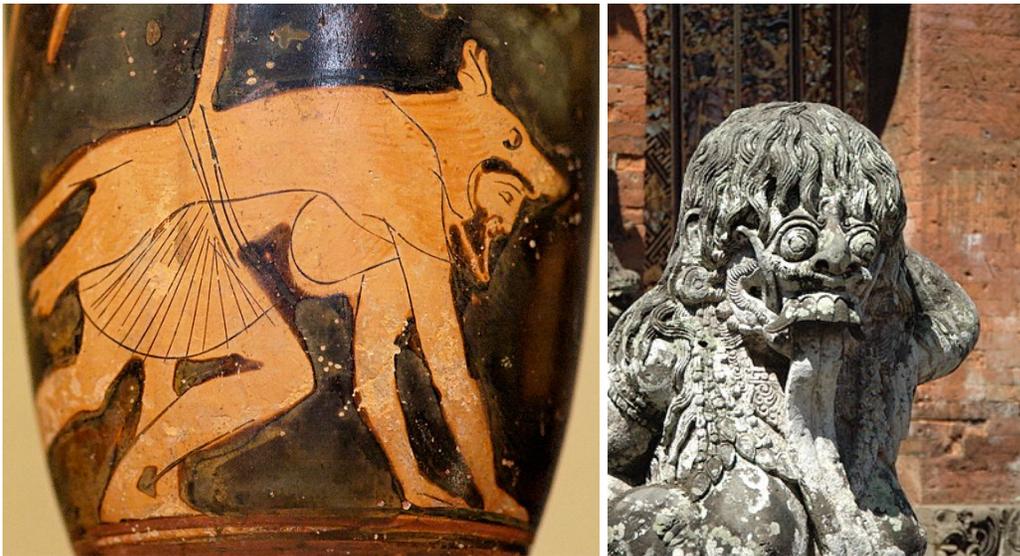


Save Ancient Studies Alliance

Halloween Bash 2022 Master Class

## Ancient “Halloween” Creatures: Vampires, Werewolves, Witches, Ghosts and Demons in the Ancient World



Are you interested in how the ancients viewed vampires, werewolves and other ghostly creatures? Cultures throughout time have all had stories involving mythological creatures that go bump in the night. While we tend to think of Vampires stalking medieval hamlets, or werewolves terrorizing London, mythological horrors have haunted the nightmares of humanity across the world for thousands of years. This Master Class will survey some of these creatures, with a focus on werewolves and their doppelgangers across the Ancient World. And just as these contemporary ghastly monsters shock and surprise their modern audiences, their ancient counterparts both appear in surprising places and share frightening similarities to their modern mythological equivalents, raising the question... Were they for real? **Boo!**

## **Aim & Structure**

The aim of this Master class is to provide a brief survey and introduction to the world wide myths of the spooky “Halloween” variety. The focus here will be on werewolves and their like. We will consider the similar elements of these creatures among different ancient cultures, what makes these abominations stand out across time and space, and what questions they lead us to ask about who humanity was in ancient times and who we are today.

## **Your SASA Educational Ambassador:**

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## **Date:**

Monday, 31st of October 2022 @ 1:00pm EST

## **Group Size:**

Open - any size (no specification/limit).

## **Location: (Provided by SASA)**

Zoom Meeting Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88425901766>

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## **Links to readings**

1-5 readings not exceeding 150 pages total