

Abstract for FIEC Proposal

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Title

An anti-hero's heroes: Archilochus between Odysseus and Telephus

Length

15-20 Minutes

Outline

Odyssean echoes have long been recognized as an integral part of the persona which Archilochus constructed for and about himself. The new Archilochus fragment, P.Oxy. LXIX 4708 (re-ed. D. Obbink, ZPE 156 [2006] 1-9), now shows his equal familiarity with the Telephus legend. The paper asks why Archilochus should have felt an affinity with these heroes in particular and what aspects of their heroic image he emphasized in constructing the 'reality' of his own anti-heroic persona