

A MOTHER TRAINING A QUEEN

CYNANE AND HER DAUGHTER ADEA



DATES

4th century BCE



WHERE

Macedon



KNOWN FOR

Cynane raised her daughter Adea with unusual ambition and strength for a royal girl of the ancient world.



WHY IT MATTERS

By training Adea to think and act boldly, Cynane shaped the future political role of one of Macedon's most forceful queens.



INTERESTING FACT

Adea later married Philip III Arrhidaeus and became Queen Eurydice.

Cynane did not simply preserve her daughter's place in the dynasty—she prepared her for influence. Ancient tradition portrays Cynane as a mother who passed on discipline, ambition, and political courage.

AFTER ALEXANDER'S DEATH

CRISIS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER



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323 BCE



WHERE

Macedon and the wider empire



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After Alexander died, Cynane moved to secure power for her daughter during the chaotic struggle over succession.



WHY IT MATTERS

Her actions show that royal women were active participants in the politics that followed Alexander's death.



INTERESTING FACT

Cynane tried to arrange a marriage between her daughter Adea and Philip III Arrhidaeus.

Alexander's death left the Macedonian world unstable and uncertain. Cynane stepped into this dangerous moment with a bold plan to strengthen her daughter's place in the line of succession.

BETRAYAL AND MURDER

CYNANE'S DEATH IN THE SUCCESSION CRISIS



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The Macedonian empire



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Cynane was killed while trying to secure her daughter's marriage and political future during the chaotic struggle after Alexander's death.



WHY IT MATTERS

Her death revealed how threatening powerful royal women could be to the rival generals fighting over succession.



INTERESTING FACT

Ancient accounts say the army was outraged by her killing, and her political plan still moved forward.

Cynane's final act was one of extraordinary courage. Even when confronted by powerful opponents, she pressed ahead with her plan for Adeia, and her death only increased her political impact.

HER LEGACY

HOW CYNANE SHAPED MACEDONIAN HISTORY



MACEDON

AEGEAN
SEA



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and after



WHERE

Macedon and the
Hellenistic world



KNOWN FOR

Cynane left a lasting
legacy as a warrior
princess, royal strategist,
and the mother of
Adea Eurydice.



WHY IT MATTERS

Her life shows that
women of the Argead
dynasty could influence
succession, political
power, and historical
memory.



INTERESTING FACT

Although Cynane died
before her plans were
complete, her daughter
still became queen and
carried her ambition
into Macedonian
politics.

Cynane is remembered as one of the most formidable women of the Macedonian royal house. As the daughter of Philip II and the half-sister of Alexander the Great, she proved that courage, training, and political will could shape history.

