



Type: Wall painting

Findspot: Pompeii, Italy

Chronology: AD 1 century

Actual location: Naples Archaeological Museum, Italy.

The painting originally decorated the house of the Dioscures in Pompeii.

It depicts the episode of Achilles dressed as woman discovered by Odysseus and Diomedes at Scyros.

Check the whole story as it was recalled in Statius' *Achilleid* and then try to identify the characters represented in the painting. Who is Achilles and why do you think this episode of his life was represented on the walls of a Roman house?

MY RESEARCH

Where were ancient Greek myths represented? Who was Achilles and how was his story told by Greek and Roman poets? What can ancient Greek and Roman representations of heroes reveal about contemporary notions about identity and status? How far were images of Greek myths re-semanticised in the Roman period?