

# YOUR AMAZON CHARMS

Reclaim your inner warrior and feminine power by wearing Amazonian charms such as Hippolyte's girdle, or capture Penthesilea's majestic beauty.

## AMAZON QUEENS

There were many Amazon queens, but among the most famous were Myrine, Hippolyte, Antiope and Penthesilea. According to historian Diodorus, Queen Myrine led the Amazons on a number of successful campaigns. Under her reign the Amazons defeated Libya, the Atlanteans and territories in Gorgon.

🔱 Hippolyte was the daughter of Ares and wore a special girdle

**Amazon queens led their women into battle.**

that gave power to the wearer and supremacy. Heracles was assigned to steal this girdle for a king and in the process he also killed Hippolyte. Her sister Antiope was carried off by Theseus to Athens.

🔱 Penthesilea fought at Troy, but was killed by Greece's best warrior, Achilles.



## THE GIRDLE

It is significant that the Amazons could only be defeated by Greece's greatest warriors: Heracles, Theseus, Bellerophon and Achilles to name a few. This emphasises their mythological role, symbolising the power of the feminine. Another symbol of female power was held in Hippolyte's snake-like girdle. This has been likened to the Kundalini-Shakti symbol,

**Hippolyte's snake-girdle symbolised the Goddess.**

the snake of primal feminine energy that twists and coils itself around everything in the universe.

🔱 When Heracles stole Hippolyte's girdle it was symbolic of a time when the Goddess power was stolen from women in favour of father gods.



## GARGARENSES

The capital of the Amazon nation was largely thought to be Themiscyra, near the river Thermodon. Themiscyra, like all other Amazon cities, was populated exclusively by women. However, the female warriors did need to associate with men, who were captives of war or slaves, in order to

**The Amazon nation had its capital located close to a river.**

ensure the continuity of their race.

🔱 Greek myths tell of a race of men called the Gargarenses, who lived apart from the women and were visited by the Amazons for sex. Male babies were killed or sent back to their fathers.



## BEAUTY QUEEN

*The Fall of Troy* by Quintus Smyrnus describes Queen Penthesilea as a great beauty, whose radiance outshone her warrior-maidens as the Moon outshines the stars. He tells how Penthesilea fought like a lioness. All Athenian warriors fell before her until she was slain by Achilles.

🔱 According to legend, Achilles regretted his action almost immediately when he was overcome by Penthesilea's noble,

**Capture Penthesilea's nobility and beauty with a lioness charm.**

youthful and beautiful face. Upon her death Achilles fell in love with the queen, but he was mocked by another soldier, Thersites, whom he then killed.

🔱 You can use the symbol of a lioness in a beauty spell.

