Daniel Nikolaus Chodowiecki, *The Occupations of Ladies* (1781)

Abstract

Part of a series of prints by the famous German artist Daniel Nikolaus Chodowiecki (1726-1801) titled “Les Occupations des Dames” [The Occupations of Ladies], this image is titled “La Lecture” [Reading]. One woman belonging to the upper strata of society reads aloud from a text while others listen. Many socially elite women in the eighteenth century were literate, and they pursued intellectual interests both in groups and individually.

Source

Source: Daniel Nikolaus Chodowiecki, "Les Occupations des Dames: La Lecture," etching, 1781. Staatliche Museen Berlin Kupferstichkabinett. Photo: Dietmar Katz. bpk-Bildagentur image no. 20007444.

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