

LGBTQ+ Global History

With more open representation of the LGBTQ+ community, it's easy to think that the LGBTQ+ community is a recent and modern phenomenon. However, if we look to history, we can see that the LGBTQ+ community has a long history in cultures all throughout the world.

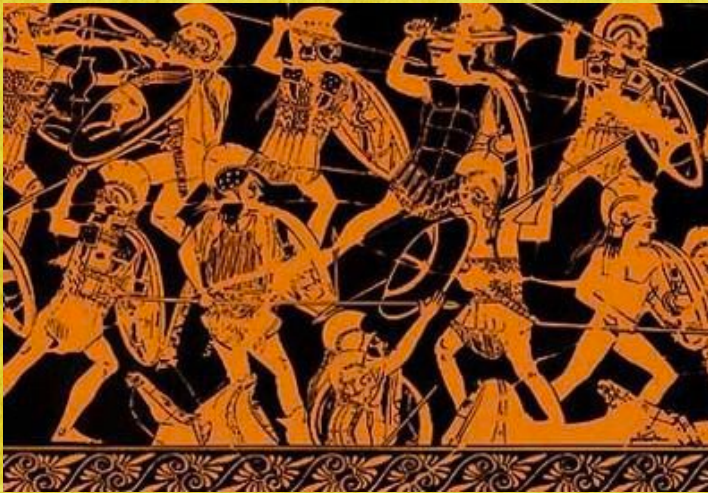
Two-Spirit

Several Native American cultures recognized a 3rd or even more genders, known as "Two-Spirit," before European colonization.



The Sacred Band of Thebes

In Ancient Greece, there was an elite military unit comprised of 300 gay men, 150 couples, that fought together in battle.



King Mwanga II

Between 1884 until 1897, the openly bisexual King Mwanga II ruled over the kingdom of Buganda, modern-day Uganda.



Lian Xiang Ban 憐相伴 (The Fragrant Companion)

Playwright Li Yu wrote this Chinese comedy play that follows 2 women who fall in love and convince one of their husbands to take the other as a concubine to live happily together.

Shikhandin

This character in the ancient Hindu epic *Mahabharata* is a princess who kills herself in the hope of being reborn as a man. She is reborn as a woman but then undergoes a miraculous sex-change, becoming a man

