Carmen’s Justinian Code Classwork (transcription)

**Divorce**

Institutes, Book IV:

1. *Law Summary:* If your husband is a criminal, cheater, or an abuser, you have the permission to divorce him.
2. *Impact on Women:* Even if women cannot divorce their husband just because they don’t like him, now if he is a horrible person, they can. So even if women do not have the same rights as men, they can have enough freedom to get out of a toxic relationship before they can get hurt.

Institutes, Book V:

1. *Law Summary:* If a woman gets divorced from her husband, she gets her dowry back, if you have the right papers.
2. *Impact on Women:* It most likely took a long time to get a dowry put together, so its just morally right to give her the stuff she slaved over back. Its sort of like she is winning custody over her stuff.

Institutes, Book VI:

1. *Law Summary:* If a man wants to divorce a woman who didn’t give him a dowry, he can’t unless she broke the law, but if he just leaves her anyway, he owes her ¼ of his property
2. *Impact on Women:*