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Abstract - Uruk's prominence as a center of astronomical activity appears to have ceased well before the end of the second century BCE. Nevertheless Greco-Roman authors were still linking Uruk and its inhabitants to astronomy and astrology as much as three centuries after this decline. My paper explores the questions of what classical authors thought that they knew about Uruk, and what relation these beliefs had to historical reality.