



## The Morning Room

This painting is of Thais, and is by Joshua Reynolds.

Thais was a famous companion of one of Alexander the Great's generals, Ptolemy.

Alexander had conquered the Persian empire and was holding a drinking party in the **palace of Persepolis**.



Thais convinced Alexander to burn down the palace as revenge, as the Persians had destroyed the Temple of Athena on the Acropolis in Thais' home city of Athens.



The palace contained a famous library so Baron Ferdinand had the portrait placed in his own library.