Women and Gender in the Ancient World



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Women and Gender in the Ancient World will look at how the usual manner of speaking, writing, and living (i.e., the dominant discourse) in Greek and Roman antiquity chose to depict women; how these depictions play into creating what it means to be masculine and what it means to be feminine in the ancient Mediterranean; and what we can know historically about women and their lives from and in spite of the limited and one-sided evidence. We will learn about multiple views of men, women, and gender in the context of Greek and Roman society and history. Ultimately, this investigation should urge you to reconsider both your assumptions about the ancient world and how we choose to depict men and women today and how those depictions circumscribe the way we act and react with each other.