Grave Stele for a Woman
Unknown Greek
Greek, Classical, 367-334 BC
Marble, Overall: 20 x 17 1/2 x 3 3/4in. (50.8 x 44.5 x 9.5cm)
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This stele fragment depicts a woman and servant holding her infant. It is unclear if the deceased is mother, child, or both, given the dangers of childbirth in the ancient world.

Online Resources:
Hirsch Library Online Catalog
The Metropolitan Museum of Art Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History

Articles: (full-text access available on-site; off-site access available through your school library or Houston Public Library)

Print Resources:
Greek Funerary Sculpture
Looking at Greek and Roman Sculpture in Stone
Women in Ancient Greece
Ancient Greek Portrait Sculpture: Contexts, Subjects, and Styles
The Female Portrait Statue in the Greek World
Bibliography

Object Specific Information


General Surveys of Greek Art


Grave Stele in Greece


Greek Sculpture


Classical Greece


This reference guide is just the tip of the iceberg on helpful resources in the library's holdings. Many of the suggested resources above have their own bibliographies. Each of these may lead you to another resource that would also be helpful in your research here in the museum or in another library. To find additional resources, use keywords such as “grave stele” and “stone relief” in the online catalog and in periodical indexes. Once you find a few relevant titles, pay attention to the subject headings to identify similar materials. Examples of useful subject headings are:

- Sepulchral monuments--Greece
- Sculpture, Greece
- Classicism in art--Greece
- Sculpture, Ancient Greece

For guidelines about writing it may be helpful to look at Sylvan Barnet’s *A Short Guide to Writing about Art*, which includes tips for looking, reading, and writing about art. Ask for it at the reference desk. At every stage of your work, please allow the library staff to help you. Contact us at 713-639-7325 or hirsch@mfah.org