

Research Proposal:

Roman Side Panel of a Sarcophagus



I chose this side panel of a sarcophagus. It features various mythological figures in a stone relief. According to the description of the object from the Art Institute of Chicago's website (http://www.artic.edu/aic/collections/artwork/100628?search_no=37&index=48), the scene is from the story of the mythical figure Meleager. It is thought to have originated in the first half of the 3rd century AD. It is still in decent condition, the characters and artistic style are still recognizable. I chose this object because it is a symbolic object that represents a major decision in someone's life from an appropriate time period, and it refers to their culture in immediately obvious and understandable ways.