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## Purpose

## Women in ancient Rome and Han Dynasty China lived very different lives, but they also shared some common characteristics. In this activity, you’ll preview this lesson’s content by taking some guesses about whether the statements below are about women’s lives in Rome or China.

## Process

1. Take a few minutes to read each of the statements below and write whether you think it’s about women in Rome, China, or both.
2. Once everyone is finished taking their guesses, share your answers with the class.
* Women were mostly confined to private, segregated spaces.

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* A woman could inherit and own property after her father’s death.

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* Men, usually a father or husband, controlled women’s lives.

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* Women could go out to dinner, visit public baths, and attend public events; however, they had to be accompanied by a male relative or guardian to do so.

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* Some women had wills and managed businesses.

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* Women were in charge of the household and were expected to care for their husbands and children.

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