

Zosimos, Son Of Apollonios

Occupation

Zosimos currently helps his mother in her garden and grandfather with his herd of goats. He is also thinking about becoming a rower to support his family financially. Rowers were not always slaves and rowers were made up of (2) “well-trained citizens from the lower classes” meaning Zosimos is poor and would be doing “back-breaking work” to feed his family.

Family

- **Grandfather**—Zosimos of Apollonios
- **Mother**—Myrinna
- **Sister**— Apollonia

Specifics of their life

He enjoys and is an avid wrestler. If he could get some support, Zosimos could become an athlete. (1) “wrestling was a popular and well-organized event.” wrestling became a highly regarded as a sport to recognize strength and a well-bred man.

Who is he?

Zosimos is a 16 year old, young man living with his mother, sister and grandfather. His father has passed leaving him to be the man of the house. Without his father Zosimos was the one to be in charge of all (2) “finances and legal transaction”. On top of this, Zosimos would be responsible for his sisters dowry when she is ready to be married. Zosimos would have to consider the benefits of the marriage as well, which included (3) “social, financial and political opportunities”.

Refrencing

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