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I wanted to see examine what their treatment of wine and alcohol consumption could tell us about Romans and the rest of their society. To do so, I examined the writings of several prominent Roman authors from several different genres. Each used wine in his own way to reflect and either praise or criticize those around him. Each author has his own biases when writing about wine that mirror the biases inherent in the rest of Roman culture. This lends insight into how Roman society operated, since wine was such a large part of it.