BOOK:

Perpetua's Journey: Faith, Gender, and Power in the Roman Empire

Please answer one of these questions in a well-developed 4 page paper.

1. What role do Christianity, the Roman Empire, family, individual, gender and community (respond to either 1, 2 or 3 of these points) play in shaping Perpetua's identity?

2. What steps did Roman officials take to ensure that the community of imperial Rome remained cohesive in the third century? Why is this needed?

3. How much of the commentary is added by someone other than Perpetua and is it designed to make her narrative conform to later expectations about sainthood and martyrdom? Why is this important?

Make sure to engage with the reading, cite and have a well-developed argument.