

Merchants

The markets in Pompeii were filled with products from all over the empire. Any of the coastal cities of the empire could provide you with more stuff than you could imagine. Your job as a merchant is to determine what these items are and what they would be worth.

At this station you will find pictures of some products that could be found in a market in Pompeii. 1. Write down what you think each item is then rank them 1-6 with 1 being the most valuable and 6 being the least.

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Architects

The Romans are greatly remembered for their outstanding architecture and particularly their genius use of arches. Despite being built thousands of years ago some of their buildings still stand to this day.

****Choose one person to be your computer operator. Only this one person may touch the computer.****

1. Before you begin write down which of the three shapes you think will hold the most and why.
2. Use the slider on the right side of the page to slowly add weight to the shapes. What happened with 3 elephants? What about with 6?
3. Were you correct in your original guess? Why or why not?

Slaves

Slavery seems to have been just as common in Pompeii as in Rome itself. Some became respected members of society like gladiators or even doctors. Most of them though worked as simple house servants or farmers.

You will find some products at your station. You must pick them up (all of them) and walk around the room slowly and silently until you hear the 30 second warning. You must not interfere with any of the other groups. If you get in their way at all you could lose points. They are citizens, you are not!

Citizens

Nearly all citizens in the empire spoke Latin. It was the official language of the government so learning it was necessary to be involved. Latin became the starting point for many of the world's great languages like Italian, Spanish and French. At this station you'll see it also had a great influence on English.

Use your knowledge of English and the information below to match the English words with Latin roots in column A to their definitions in column B.

Look at these examples of words with Latin roots :

Ignis = Fire Manus = Hand Amare = To Love Pedis = Foot Magna = Great

Column A

1. ____ ignite
2. ____ pedestrian
3. ____ amorous
4. ____ pedicure
5. ____ manuscript
6. ____ magnify
7. ____ manicure

Column B

- a. trimming and polishing of the fingernails
- b. to catch on fire
- c. someone who is walking
- d. full of love
- e. something written by hand
- f. to make larger
- g. trimming and polishing of the toenails

8. Look at the picture below taken from a Roman ruin. What do you think the Latin words at the bottom mean?



Street Urchins

Like most major Roman cities Pompeii looked glorious from the outside but look deeper and you'd find many problems. Poverty and starvation affected many people living in the city. Many turned to crime just to survive. If caught by a Roman soldier the penalties for stealing were extreme.

Use the map at this station and follow the directions below to avoid the soldiers and find the treasure!

Well, I was at the temple of Jupiter on the west side of town – that's where I grabbed the statue. I ran out of the north side of the building and headed northeast about 150 yards and turned north onto Strada Mercurio. I immediately headed east and passed the two big houses hoping to lose the guards in the crowd. I ran about 3 blocks then turned south onto Strada Sabiana. I noticed the central baths to the east so I ducked into there. That was a bad idea. I stood out like a... um... like a guy wearing clothes in a room full of naked people I guess so I immediately ran out the south exit, turned west back onto Stabiana and ran past the sanctuary. When I passed the Stabian baths things got a bit messy and I'm not sure where I ended up. I turned west after the baths and ran about 200 yards and saw a HUGE crowd that was so packed I couldn't even get by. I ran back one block and turned south. Now the guards were almost on me so I didn't really notice where I was but I do remember turning east when the road ended and just running and running. I think I ran about 250 yards and I remember passing through a huge building. I then ducked into another building and stashed the statue somewhere in there. What building do you think I was in?

Artists

Art was a large part of life in Pompeii. Paintings and mosaics have been found in and on numerous buildings throughout the city. Since many people living in the town couldn't read art became a way of telling stories and directing people around. Mosaics are artwork created using small colored glass tiles – almost like puzzle pieces.

Use the pieces found at your station to attempt to recreate the mosaic. When you are finished write down what the picture appears to be.