

Match Up: Ancient Pompeii

An activity of "Ancient Pompeii's secrets discovered".

Ancient Pompeii lay buried for centuries after a mighty volcanic eruption almost 2,000 years ago. Historians are now uncovering its many secrets and how daily life looked like for its people. Read "Ancient Pompeii's secrets discovered" (pages 20-21, *What's Up* February 2024) and do the following activities.

1. Match the following facts about Pompeii with its corresponding details.

1. rich, fertile soil ▪

▪ a. vineyards and orchards thrived

2. 79 AD ▪

▪ b. The Colosseum

3. Pompeii today ▪

▪ c. ruled ancient Pompeii

4. Roman poetry ▪

▪ d. eruption of Mount Vesuvius

5. massive amphitheatre ▪

▪ e. Virgil, Horace, Ovid

6. Roman empire ▪

▪ f. UNESCO World Heritage Site

2. Match the following facts about the bakery-prison with its corresponding details.

1. claustrophobic ▪

▪ a. guided the donkeys as they walked

2. indentations on the floor ▪

▪ b. small, cramped room

3. enslaved humans ▪

▪ c. not allowed to enter or exit the room freely

4. 30% of Pompeii's population ▪

▪ d. make it easier to control the donkeys

5. blindfolds ▪

▪ e. 4,000 slaves

6. grain grinding ▪

▪ f. pulling on the millstone

3. Reflection on these two questions:

- How do you feel about the working conditions for enslaved humans and animals in those times?
- What can society do today to make sure we treat all humans and working animals well?

These discoveries about ancient Pompeii are sobering. When we visit beautiful historical buildings, remember to find out about who built them and what their lives were like.