

# Student Worksheet - Pompeii - Roman civilisation

You have been asked by a leading excavation team to assist their excavations in Pompeii. They have had very few volunteers elect to help out this season and have asked for you to assist. They have removed a block of soil from their dig site and ask that you carefully excavate and research what has been found within. This site was once the site of many epic happenings in ancient Pompeii before the terrible day that Mount Vesuvius wrought havoc, so make sure that you carefully restore and research everything you find.

There were many buildings with graffiti on their walls on this site so within your block of soil you are likely to find objects that reflect this. You will need to carefully excavate the objects and fragments and try to interpret their meaning

When you have finished your research you should do a presentation so that all team members are enlightened on what you have discovered.

## Tasks:

- 1 Carefully excavate your container of soil being very careful you do not damage what is buried within.
- 2 Check all the soil for pieces.
- 3 Carefully remove your piece and clean gently with water and allow to dry.
- 4 Examine your piece, does it need repairs? Repair broken pieces with white glue and allow to dry.
- 5 At this stage you need to check with your teacher for a fact sheet on Rome/Pompeii, to help identify your artifacts.
- 6 Fill out the attached report card as you research and prepare a class presentation.

# *Worksheet*

Your Name:

**Draw your object/s**

**Distinguishing Features**

What do you think it is?

Does it have writing on it?

What condition is it in?

Why is it in this condition?

Describe your object, noting any writing, colour, size, shape , distinguishing features:

Now do research using your school library and the internet to see what other information you can discover about your object: