

UNIT 2: CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS

Pompeii: The Last Day

1. What evidence is there for the stories we saw?

2. Who is Julius Polybius? What is the condition of his daughter?

3. What is the approximate population of Pompeii?

4. What component of the fuller's shop is so valuable that there was once a tax on it?

5. What time of day did the eruption occur?

6. What is the Latin word for volcano?

7. Why would Gaius Plinius Secundus be especially interested in the eruption of the volcano?

8. By mid-afternoon how many tons of pumice and ash have fallen on Pompeii?

9. What danger does the amount of pumice and ash falling on Pompeii cause for the remaining Pompeians?

10. Why does Gaius Plinius the Younger not accompany his uncle on the expedition to Pompeii?

11. At what time does Admiral Pliny's fleet approach Pompeii?

12. What town does Admiral Pliny's fleet pass by?

13. Where does Admiral Pliny's fleet go in an attempt to survive?
14. What new danger does the falling pumice and ash present?
15. What choice does Polybius give his slave Felix? What does Felix choose?
16. Where does Fortunata, the fuller's wife end up in her attempt to leave Pompeii?
17. What does Pomponianus witness that night? Which community is most threatened by this?
18. What option does Julia's husband Sabinus suggest?
19. How did most die at Pompeii?
20. What was the fate of Pliny the Elder?
21. What was the fate of Pliny the Younger?
22. In the initial 18 hours of the eruption how many tons of debris fell?
23. When was Pompeii rediscovered?
24. How many people live near Vesuvius now?
25. What is the likelihood of another eruption like the one of 79 A.D.?