

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON**3****Recalling Facts****LESSON 3 CONTENT MASTER**

* Read each question and write the correct answer on the blank that follows. Use complete sentences.

1. What major event occurred on an August day in A.D. 79 near the city of Pompeii?

2. What happened to Pompeii because of this event? _____

3. How was Pompeii rediscovered? When did this happen? _____

4. Why do archaeologists know so much about Pompeii today? _____

5. How were the houses arranged in Pompeii? _____

6. How was water brought to Pompeii? From where was the water brought? _____

7. What did the people of Pompeii sell in their shops? _____

8. What was Pompeii's largest industry? _____

9. Why do we think this industry was Pompeii's largest? _____

10. How large was the amphitheater at Pompeii? _____

11. What activities took place at the amphitheater? _____

Think and Write: Do you think you would have liked to live in ancient Pompeii? In a paragraph, tell specifically what you would or would not have liked about life there. You may use the back of the sheet.

THE ROMAN FORUM

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* On the facing page is an illustration of part of the Roman Forum in early times. The following paragraphs give some background information. Use the illustration and the paragraphs to answer the questions below.

The Roman Forum was the main center of public life. People met friends at the forum and kept up with the news. They bought and sold goods at the open-air marketplace, and they held meetings there. The buildings around the marketplace included basilicas and temples. A basilica was a large hall used for public meetings and law courts.

The Romans worshiped many gods. They even made gods of their dead heroes. Each god had his or her own temple, and many of these temples were clustered around the forum. A forum also included other structures that related to public life, such as arches and statues built to commemorate heroes and great events.

1. What is a basilica? _____

2. Name two basilicas in the Roman Forum. _____

3. From where would a politician address an outdoor meeting? _____

4. Name three types of activities that took place at a forum. _____

5. Where did the Roman senate meet? _____

6. Do you think there were forums in the towns the Romans built in Britain and other provinces?
Explain your answer. _____

Thinking Further: Think of a major government or religious building in your community. In what specific ways is its appearance similar to, or different from, a comparable building in a Roman forum?

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EXPLORING THE ROMAN FORUM

