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P. A street vendor, selling bread from the nearby bakery of Popidio Prisco. [↗](#)

Q. A Thermopolium. [↗](#)

R. The AD 59 riots in the Pompeian amphitheater. [↗](#)

S. Slavery was a common aspect Roman life. Wax tables from the Gymnasium of the Iuvenes record the trading of enslaved people. [↗](#)

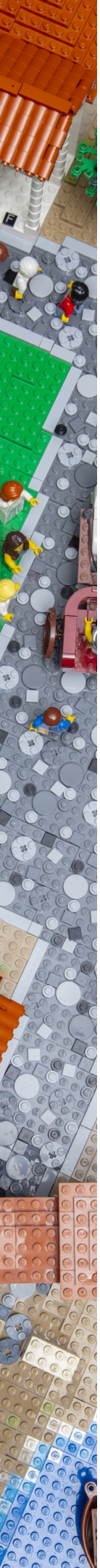
T. Painting graffiti like that found on the Thermopolium of Asellina. [↗](#)

U. Sulla, The Roman general, enters on a chariot in 89 BC. [↗](#)

V. Artists at work painting fresco and making a mosaic.

W. Pliny the Elder, Admiral of the Imperial Navy and significant author, attempts to rescue the citizens of Pompeii. [↗](#)

Y. Vines growing on the Vesuvian plain to make the local wine.



Discovering Pompeii

1. Grand Tourists in the 1700s.
2. Sir William Hamilton walking up the slopes of Vesuvius in 1767.
3. Johann Joachim Winckelmann, pioneer of Art History helped establish formal archaeological excavations at Pompeii in the mid 1700s.
4. Sir Charles Nicholson founder of our Antiquities and Art Collections, visited Pompeii in 1858.
5. Archaeologist Giuseppe Fiorelli is most famous for his plaster casting technique to fill cavities left by organic remains in the ash layer to recreate the bodies people who died in AD 79.
6. Vittorio Spinazzola, excavation director 1910–1923, focussed work on the Via dell'Abbondanza. At almost 900m, it is the longest street in Pompeii.
7. Amedeo Maiuri, excavation director for 37 years (1924–1961), oversaw large scale excavations during the fascist regime of Mussolini and post-war period reconstructions after the destructive bombing of the site by the allied forces.

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8. Dr Estelle Lazer examines human skeletal remains as part of the Pompeii Cast Project. [↗](#)

9. Assoc. Professor Kathryn Welch leads the University of Sydney summer school students around the site.

10. Dr Steven Ellis and Dr Eric Poehler review the latest results from their excavations of the Porta Stabiae streetscapes and buildings. [↗](#)

11. Professor Mary Beard rides the streets of Pompeii on her trademark bike.

12. Professor Andrew Wallace-Hadrill, Director of the Herculaneum Conservation Project visits the forum. [↗](#)

13. The Great Pompeii Project began in 2012 to conserve the archaeological site for generations to come. Archaeologists and conservators led by Professor Massimo Osanna use the latest technology in their work. [↗](#)

Pop-Culture Pompeii

14. The Tardis arrives in the home of Lucius Caecilius Iucundus in the *Doctor Who* episode 'The Fires of Pompeii'.

15. Steve Reeves, bodybuilder and actor, stars in the Italian sword and sandal remake of *Gli ultimi giorni di Pompei* (Last Days of Pompeii), 1953.

16. While Indiana Jones never visited Pompeii in the movies, the real archaeological influences on the pop culture icon is examined in Professor Justin Jacobs' *Indiana Jones in History: From Pompeii to the Moon*.

17. Caroline Lawrence's novel *Roman Mysteries: The Secrets of Vesuvius* being adapted for TV, 2007.

18. English novelist Edward Bulwer Lytton being inspired to write *The Last Days of Pompeii* published 1834.

19. Glaucus and Nydia run from the evil priest of Isis, Arbaces in the 1913 silent film *The Last Days of Pompeii*.



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20. Pink Floyd recording their "Live at Pompeii" music documentary in the amphitheatre, 1971.

21. Russian painter Karl Brullov painting *The Last Day of Pompeii*, 1833.

22. Professor Rosa Maria (Leonor Silveira) and daughter Maria Joana take a day trip to Pompeii in the film *A Talking Picture (Um Filme Falado)*, 2003

23. Mozart at age 13 visits the Temple of Isis, 1769, inspiring his opera *The Magic Flute* (1791).

24. Siouxsie Sioux soaks up the Pompeii atmosphere, inspiring *Siouxsie and the Banshees* 1985 hit single "Cities in Dust."

? What is Darth Vader doing in Pompeii?
A signature character for LEGO artist Ryan 'The Brick Man' McNaught.

