

A Day at the Forum

10 paragraph paper (20 points)

Temple of the Lares

Clothworkers' Meeting Hall

marcellum

polling station

Temple of Venus

carcer

Temple of Jupiter

Temple of Apollo

basilica

Temple of the Emperors

weight and measures table

latrina

municipal building

public bulletin boards

Caecilius' stall



You have a busy day planned at the forum. You are an inhabitant of Pompeii. Maybe you are a leading citizen or his wife, maybe a slave or a freedman or freedwoman or the son or daughter of one of these. One thing is sure, you have many tasks to accomplish and many people to meet who are all in one or other of the buildings surrounding the forum.

You have spent the early morning shopping and you are walking down the “Street of Shops” just about to enter the forum. You are gathering your thoughts about who you must meet, where you must go and what you must accomplish when you get there.

- Write an introductory paragraph describing your thoughts as you enter the forum.
- Then choose eight of the sites listed above and write one paragraph on each. Tell who you met there, why you met this person at that particular site, why you needed to meet the person, what you had to accomplish by this meeting and what was the outcome of each meeting.
- Then write a concluding paragraph commenting on how successful you were in accomplishing the day’s agenda.

Use the information you have learned in class, from the readings in your book, the information on the Cambridge website and any other source you can find about the people of Pompeii and the buildings in and around the Pompeian forum to make your paper authentic, believable and interesting.

You will be graded on completeness, authenticity and originality.

The paper must be typed.

Pictures can be used to enhance your narrative.