

The Town of Pompeii

1. Where is Pompeii situated?

About 5 miles south of Mt. Vesuvius on a low hill of volcanic rock in the region of Campania.

2. Was Pompeii a fortified city?

Yes. Pompeii was a walled city with 8 gates.

3. What were the main streets in Pompeii?

The east/west parallel streets know as "The **Street of Shops**" and "**Nola Street**" intersected the north/south street called "**Stabiae Street**". Most of the other smaller streets probably had no names.



4. What were the streets like?

They were paved with volcanic stone and had sidewalks and stepping stones at intersections so pedestrians could avoid rainwater and garbage.



5. Where were the main shopping areas?

Most shopping was conducted on the "Street of Shops" and the "forum".

6. How did someone know what was for sale in a particular shop?

Carved and painted signs gave a general idea what was sold inside. A goat for a dairy, a hammer and chisel for a stone mason and so on.

7. How many theaters were there in Pompeii?

Two. A large open air theater with a canopy that could seat 5,000 and a smaller roofed theater for musical entertainment.

8. As a seaport city what types of nationalities might be found in Pompeii?

Romans, Greeks, Syrians, Jews, Africans, Spaniards and many others.

9. How did Pompeii get its water?

From large tanks set up on high ground fed by aqueducts coming in from the surrounding hills.



*****This is not all you need to know. Re-read the reading in the book.*****

