

Knowledge Organiser

Year Three

Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius



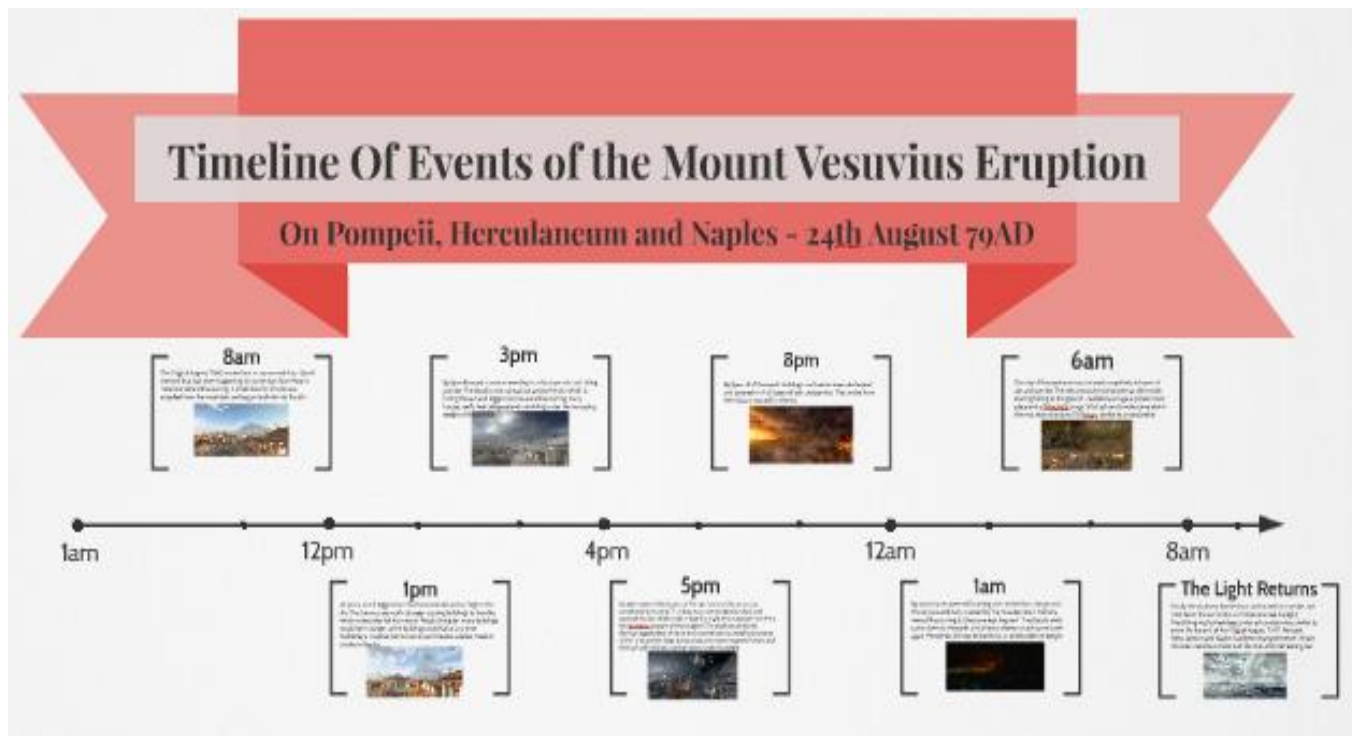
View of Mount Vesuvius from Pompeii



Excavated streets and houses



Plaster cast body



Key vocabulary

AD -

Definition

After the birth of Jesus Christ. A.D. is an abbreviation for anno domini, which means "in the year of the Lord" in Latin.

Pompeii -

A city in Southern Italy that was totally destroyed by a volcano in 79 AD.

Pliny the young -

The young boy who wrote letters during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, in which 247 have survived. They are now famous artefacts that document the events.

Artefact -

An object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or historical interest.

Excavated -

remove earth carefully from (an area) in order to find buried remains.

Mount Vesuvius –

A volcano in southwestern Italy that buried the city of Pompeii.

I need to know:

- That Pompeii was destroyed and buried under 4 to 6 meters of volcanic ash and pumice in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD.
- The eruption occurred on 24 August 79 AD one day after the religious festival to Vulcan, the Roman god of fire.
- The city's quick burial preserved it for centuries before its ruins were discovered in the late 16th century.
- The ancient city of Pompeii is home to many artefacts and ruins following the tragic eruption of Mount Vesuvius.
- Pliny the Younger was the author of famous letters that paint an important picture of the Roman world around his lifetime.
- Pompeii is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Archaeologists are still excavating the site.

By the end of this topic I will be able to:

- Use timelines effectively and place key dates in chronological order.
- Explain what life was like during the historical eruption in 79AD.
- Use artefacts and images to understand life during and after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.