



# Which one happened earlier?

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OR



Mount Vesuvius  
erupts and  
destroys  
Pompeii **(79 CE)**

Victoria  
becomes Queen  
Victoria **(1837  
CE)**



The eruption at Pompeii happened 1758 years before Victoria was crowned Queen of England

**CE = the bigger the number the later in time the event**

**1837 > 79**

**1837 is a larger number than 79, therefore, the Victoria was crowned after Mount Vesuvius**



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## Learning Question:

How can I explore the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction Pompeii?

## Success Criteria:

- ✓ I can understand the event that lead up to the destruction of Pompeii
- ✓ I can write a newspaper article about the destruction of Pompeii.
- ✓ I can order the event chronologically in my newspaper report

## Vocabulary

- Volcano
- Pompeii
- Herculean
- Pyroclastic flow
- Eruption
- Chronological

# What Is a Volcano?

A volcano is a mountain or hill, where molten rock erupts through the surface of the earth.

allows lava, ash and gas to escape from a magma chamber below the surface of

The name 'volcano' is taken from the Roman god of fire, Vulcan.

Lava glows white to red hot as it flows. The temperature of lava ranges between 700°C and 1200°C — that's both

Where Does the Word 'Volcano' Come From?  
Have you ever thought about why volcanoes are actually called 'volcanoes'?

The word 'volcano' comes from the island

'Vulcano'

The island actually gets its name from the Roman

god of fire



## The Roman God of Fire

Roman mythology says that Vulcan lived in a volcano. As well as being the god of fire, he made many weapons and **forged** them using metal and fire. He was a very skilled blacksmith.



Romans believed that if Vulcan was made angry, the volcano would erupt. So they

**Forged:** to have made or shaped a metal object using a fire or furnace.

# Volcanoes of the World

## Mount Vesuvius, Naples, Italy

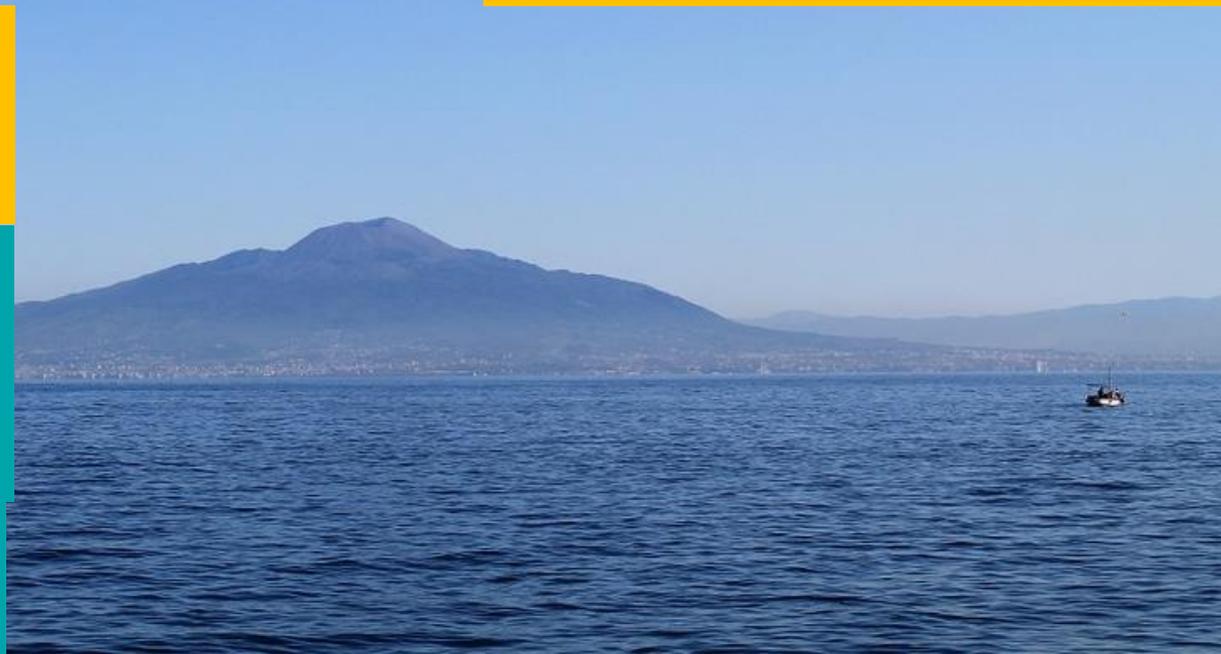
Mount Vesuvius has a very famous history. Its base is 30 miles wide and it is estimated to be around 17,000 years old.

In 79AD, Vesuvius erupted for a whole day. Thousands of people were killed, and the city of Pompeii was buried.

In 1995, Vesuvius was made a National Park. Visitors can climb the mountain.

Vesuvius has erupted over 50 times in the last 200 years. The last time was in 1944 during the Second World War.

Over the years, archaeologists have found bodies preserved by the ash from the volcano along with other items, such as heating stoves and cooking utensils.



**the numbers to reveal the facts.**

These are the **ruins** of the **Roman city** of **Pompeii**

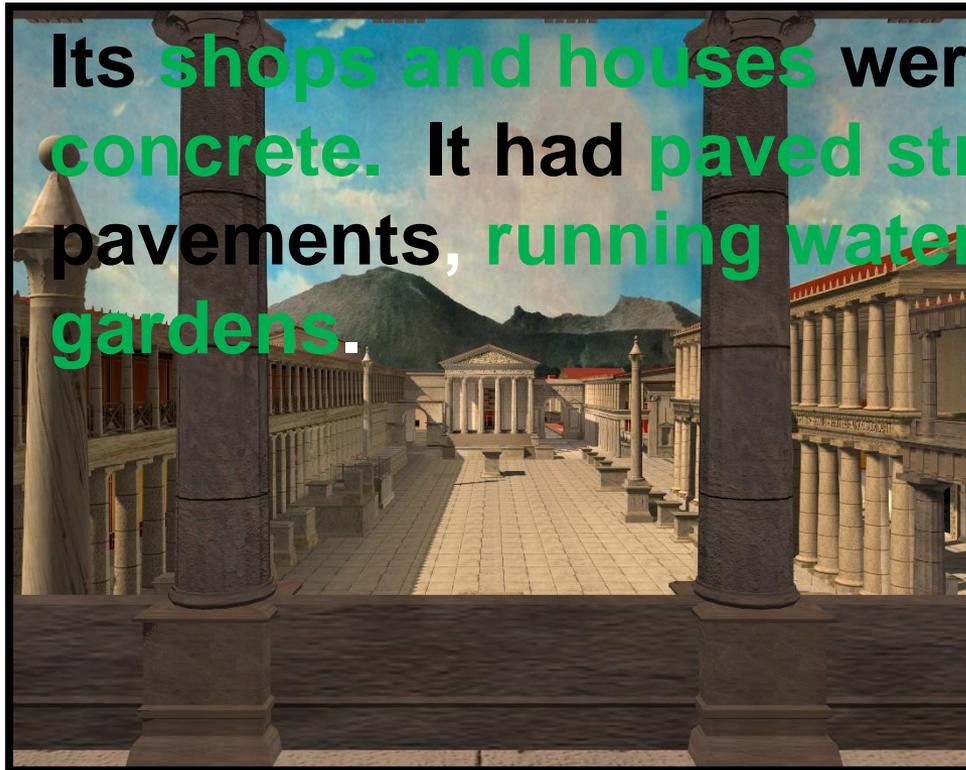
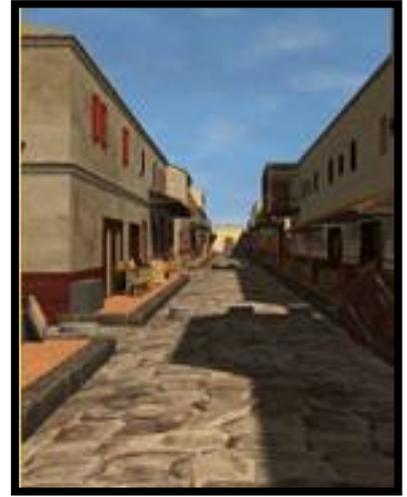
Pompeii was a busy Roman city that was built near to the **volcano mountain, Mount Vesuvius**

In the **year CE 79**, Mount Vesuvius **erupted** and **buried Pompeii** and many of its **Roman citizens** under a **9 metre thick layer of burning**



In **CE 79** Pompeii, was a beautiful city.

Its grand public buildings, the Temple, the Forum were built of carved stone.





**But all of this busy living by the Roman citizens of Pompeii in CE 79 was done in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius. The mountain volcano had not erupted for so long (hundreds of years) that the Romans did not**

On **24<sup>th</sup> August CE 79** in the afternoon **Mount Vesuvius** erupted with a **massive** explosion that hurled **rock, ash** and **molten lava** hundreds of metres into the air.



The lava was flowing down the mountain, destroying all their crops but the Romans of Pompeii were not really worried.

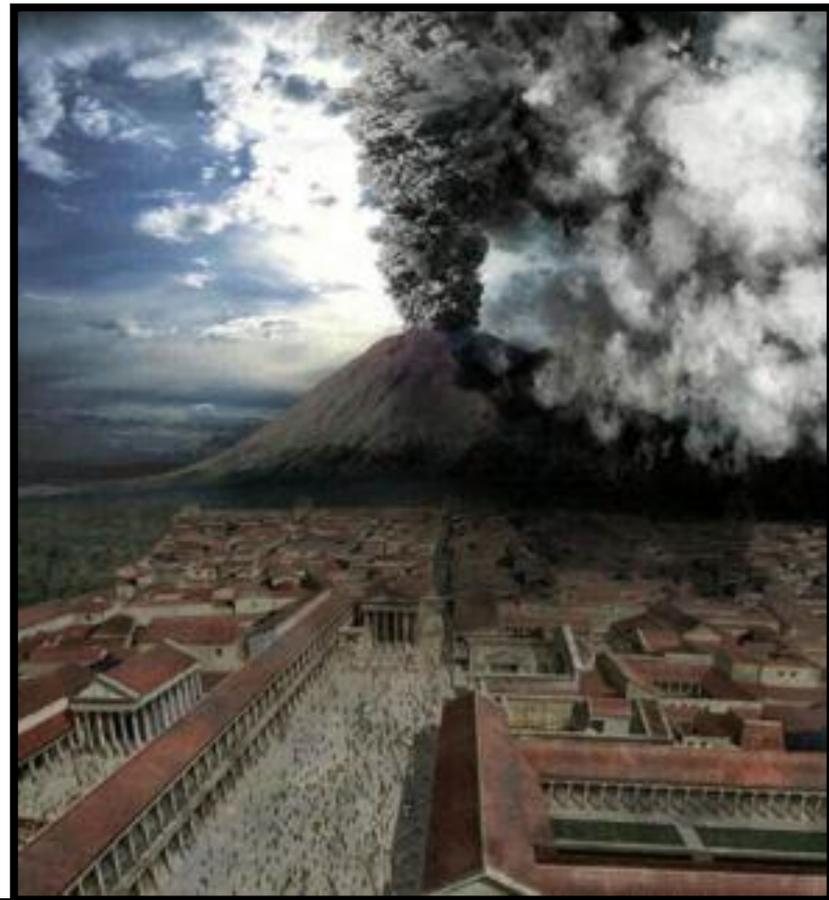


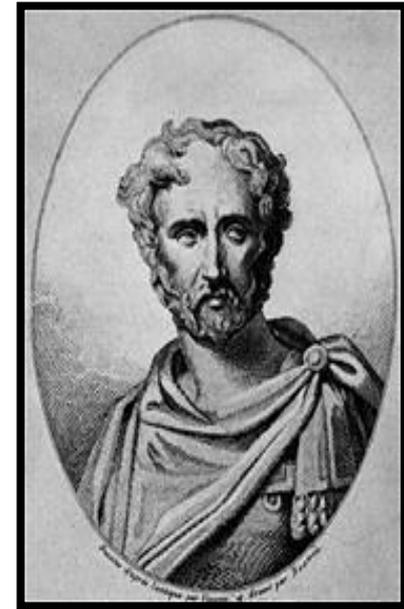
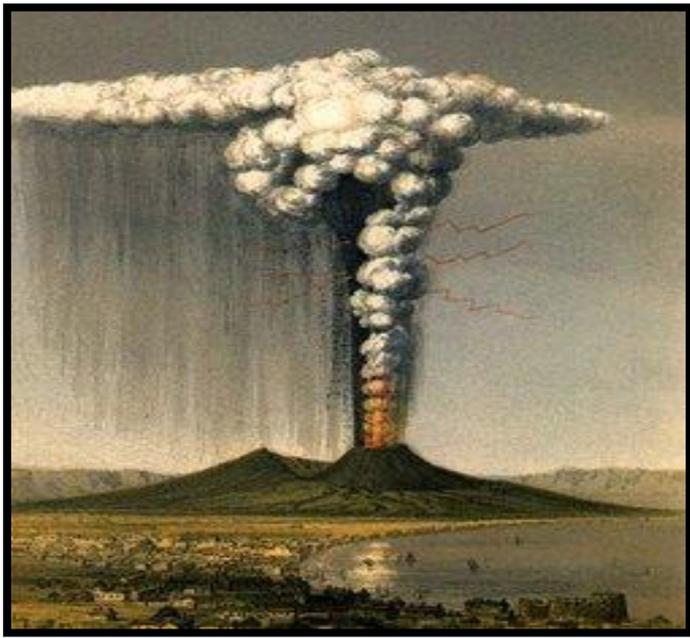
But then, **18 hours after the volcano had first erupted** there was an **enormous explosion, bigger** than the first.

It **blew half the side of the mountain off** and a **huge cloud of red hot ash, rock and gas, hurtled down the**

**side of the volcano and straight over the city of Pompeii.**

The **citizens** tried to **run to escape it**, but it was **too fast**





**Plinian eruption  
of Mt. Vesuvius**

**Stone  
Pine  
Tree**

**Pliny**

An important Roman who witnessed the Vesuvius eruption was a writer called **Pliny**. He tried to rescue some of the Pompeii citizens but he himself died from breathing in the hot ash and gas. He managed to write notes about the eruption before he died and he described the cloud of ash as like the

This is how **Pliny** actually described the eruption of **Vesuvius** in his letters which were saved and copied by his son after Pliny's death.

*I cannot give you a more exact description of its appearance than by comparing to a stone pine tree; for it shot up to a*

**When the side of the mountain blew off, the citizens of Pompeii could not escape.**

**Red hot ash rock and gas rushed down over the city at a speed of 400 km per hour. This rush of hot ash is called a**



This **map** of the **Bay of Naples** shows how far the **volcanic ash** was **blown by the wind** and spread across the area.

**Ash** completely buried the cities of **Pompeii** and **Herculaneum**



These videos on Youtube show the events of the eruption at Pompeii (optional)

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dY\\_3ggKg0Bc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dY_3ggKg0Bc)
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMySiG\\_P6q4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMySiG_P6q4)

# Your task

- Write a newspaper article about the events that occurred in Pompeii,.

**Hard** – fill in the blanks on the newspaper article provided on the website.

**Harder** – - Write the Name your newspaper, headline, Sub-heading (sum up the story in one sentence, write the introduction (remember the 5 Ws) Use the hard sheet as an example if needed.

**Hardest** – Complete HARDER then write the main body of text (expand the description and write what happened in more detail) include an eye-witness (Pliny the Younger)

**Herculean** - Complete HARD, HARDER and HARDEST then draw a picture of Mount Vesuvius during the eruption (Remember to include a caption.

These tasks can be completed on paper. Alternatively, there will be a template for the newspaper available on Purple Mash.