

# Roman Identity Gallery Worksheet

Walk through the gallery with the hare  
Mosaic and into the Roman Town Gallery

The Romans brought town life to Britain. True False

Write the full name the Romans gave to Cirencester.

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Who were the Emperors of Rome in:

- 208AD \_\_\_\_\_
- 287AD \_\_\_\_\_
- 306AD \_\_\_\_\_
- 383AD \_\_\_\_\_

How many people lived in Roman Corinium?

- a) 2,000-6,000    b) 10,000-20,000    c) 30,000-40,000

## Find the statue of the Genius Loci

Draw the statue below:



What does the statue tell us about  
Roman people?

- a) They were religious
- b) They liked carvings of people
- c) They valued the place they lived

Why do you think that?

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What do the column capitals tell us about the people who lived in Roman Corinium

- a) They enjoyed art
- b) They were rich
- c) They were skilled at art and crafts

The Roman town of Corinium had a public area called the FORUM. This area was lined with columns that had decorated tops called capitals. In the centre of the town there was a large column with a statue of JUPITER on the top of it

Why do you think that?

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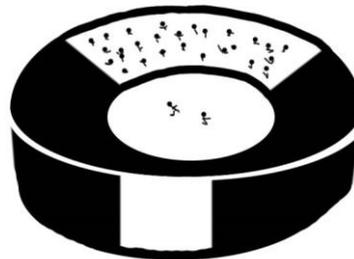
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What was the name for someone who took part in fights in an amphitheatre?

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Corinium had one of the largest amphitheatres in Roman Britain. Amphitheatres were used as places of entertainment and military training. They were sited outside of the Roman town walls



How many people could fit into the Amphitheatre at Corinium?

- a) 800
- b) 1,000
- c) 8,000

## Look in the amphitheatre case below

Draw an animal that a gladiator might fight in an Amphitheatre.



Can you name another animal that gladiators fought?

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Do you think people who became gladiators were: (circle the answer)

- Brave or Afraid
- Strong or Weak
- Rich or Poor

## Go into the next gallery and find the Roman Kitchen

Can you find a food that would have been imported from another country into Britain?

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Can you find a food in the kitchen that would be from Britain?

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**THE ROMANS BROUGHT PLUMP SNAILS CALLED 'ROMANESQUE' SNAILS FOR EATING. SOME RARE COLONIES STILL SURVIVE TODAY, INCLUDING NEAR TO CIRENCESTER. THEY ARE A PROTECTED SPECIES**



## Find the Seasons Mosaic

**THE SEASONS MOSAIC IS A DINING ROOM FLOOR. ROMANS CALLED THIS ROOM A TRICLINIUM**

**WINTER HAS BEEN LOST FROM THIS MOSAIC. SHE WOULD HAVE HELD A BARE BRANCH IN HER HAND**

The four seasons of the years are shown as goddesses. Can you match the seasons to the goddess names below:

Spring	Pomona
Summer	Ceres
Autumn	Flora



Which season is missing? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the snake haired female from Greek and Roman myth on the mosaic?

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What is happening to Acteon the hunter in the scene with the dogs?

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Would the people who had this floor in their house have been

Rich or Poor

A clinium is the Latin word for couch. Why was a Roman dining room called a Triclinium? (Find the answer on the other side of the Seasons Mosaic, on the board called Dining In Style.)

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## Find the Orpheus mosaic



**ORPHEUS TRIED TO RESCUE HIS WIFE FROM PLUTO IN THE UNDERWORLD. HE FORGOT THE RULE NOT TO LOOK BACK AT HER BEFORE LEAVING AND SHE WAS LOST FOREVER**

Where did the Orpheus myth come from?

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What musical instrument is Orpheus playing to charm the animals?

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Draw the funny hat that Orpheus is wearing in the box below:



Name 3 animals on this mosaic that Romans brought to England

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## Find the Septimius stone

This inscription praises Septimius for restoring the Jupiter column, which stood in the Forum in the town centre. Copy the text on the stone in the box below

Who was Septimius?

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Septimius was a citizen of a city in France. The city was called:

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Do you think he would have been important in Corinium?

Yes

No

Why?

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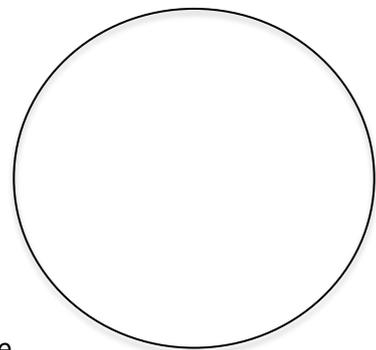
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## Look at the case of Roman coins

Name 2 Emperors on the coins

X

X



Design your own coin with the head of an Emperor here.

Now go upstairs to the tombstones.

## Romano British People Roman First Floor Gallery



TOMBSTONES LEAVE CLUES ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF A PERSON FROM THE PAST.  
ROMAN TOMBSTONES ARE FAIRLY SIMPLE BUT GIVE US IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF ROMAN CORINIUM

The oldest recorded person in Corinium lived until they were what age?

25                  40                  52                  75

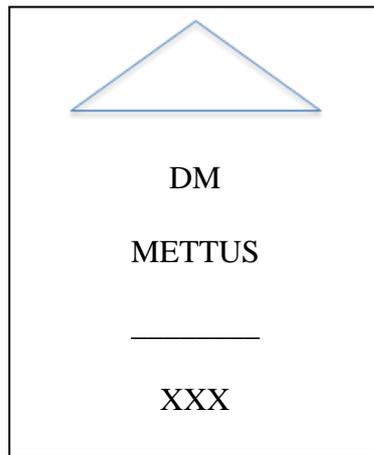
Who is the youngest person on the tombstones?

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Choose 3 tombstones and write information about their identity below. Some information may be missing but this is fine.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age in Roman numerals</b>	<b>Age in numbers</b>
1.			
2.			
3.			

We can see Mettus is from a tribe based in Europe, now in the area of modern day Romania. What is his tribe? Write it on the tombstone below.



## Find the Farming and countryside case

What job does a person do if they use a bill-hook or a sickle?

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The Romans brought crops to Britain from across the Empire. Name 2 food crops the Romans brought here.

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## Now go to the gods and goddesses cases

Name 3 gods or goddesses the people of Roman Corinium worshipped

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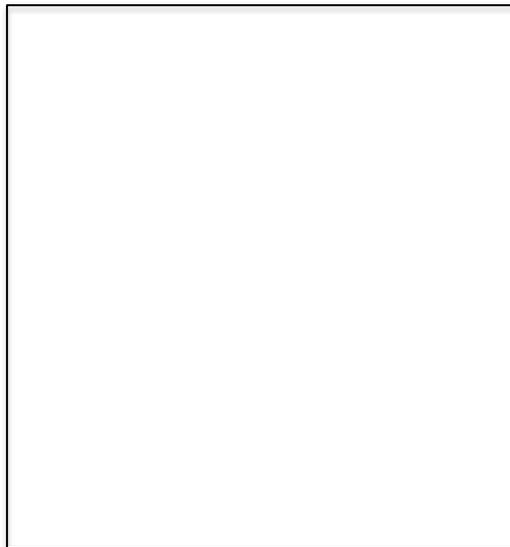
**ROMANS WORSHIPPED MANY GODS. MOST OF THEM WERE WORSHIPPED BEFORE THE ROMAN EMPIRE EXISTED, FOR INSTANCE IN ANCIENT GREECE. THE GREEK ZEUS BECAME ROME'S JUPITER. HERMES BECAME MERCURY**

Romano-British people also worshipped figures that were different to the Roman gods and goddesses. Can you name 2 of them? (Clue – look for the hooded people)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Draw your favourite god or goddess in the box below



Find the Kingscote Villa Case. Look at the objects inside.

THESE OBJECTS ALONG WITH THE VENUS MOSAIC WERE FOUND AT A LARGE VILLA IN KINGSCOTE

Do you think that the objects were owned by a rich person or poor person?

Rich

Poor

Why do you think that?

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Name 3 Roman Gods or Goddesses on the Kingscote Cube

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Whose face is shown on object number 12?

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## Find the hair, make-up and clothes boards.

Who set the fashions for women's hairstyles?

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How were classical Roman styles changed to suit the cooler climate of Britain?

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What was the cloak called?

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## Find the writing and education case.

What 2 languages were most commonly spoken in Roman Corinium?

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**Three major Roman roads met in Corinium showing it was an important place in Britain with lots of people mixing and trading.**

Which language was used for everyday?

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Which language was used for government, legal and business activity?

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Write the word 'Cirencester' in Latin here:

Write some ROMAN style graffiti here...

Do you think everybody was educated in Roman Corinium?

Yes

No

Why do you think that?

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The **map on the wall** shows where some of the objects in the museum came from. Can you circle the objects that came from outside of Britain?

Coral necklace

Gold Earring

Lead pig

Samian bowl

Amphora

Burnished black pot

**Well done! You have finished the Roman Identity trail!**