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ESOL Entry 1

General Visit



National Roman Legion Museum

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About Amgueddfa Cymru

Amgueddfa Cymru – Museum Wales is a charity, and a family of seven national museums and one collections centre located across Wales. But we're more than our buildings. Our sites are vital community spaces that reach far beyond their location on a map. Our aim is to inspire everyone we reach through Wales's story and we recognise that everyone has something to contribute through our museums, collections and the work we do.



ESOL Entry 1**General Visit****National Roman Legion Museum****Section 1: Before Your Visit****Activity 1:****Romans in Wales**

Read this short text about the Romans in Wales.

The Roman army came to Wales in 48 CE. They stayed for over 300 years. They built forts, swimming baths, roads, houses and gardens. Many old pots, cups, coins and other artifacts were left by the Romans at Caerleon. They are displayed in a museum.

Write the words beneath the right pictures.

amphitheatre

museum

garden

**Activity 2:****Roman meals Q & A**

Romans ate three meals each day. For breakfast they ate porridge, fruit and bread. Romans ate a very small lunch and a big dinner. The Romans also ate honey, olives and fish.

1. How many meals did the Romans eat each day?

2. Which meal was bigger - lunch or dinner?

3. What did the Romans eat for breakfast?

Activity 3: Fabulous fruit

The Celts in Wales grew fruit and crops but the Romans had different fruit. We still enjoy these fruits today. Complete the names of the fruit below.



p_a_



g_ap_s



c_er__



p__ms



o_i_es



d__es

Activity 4:

Feasts and festivals

The Romans knew how to party! They had fabulous feasts and festivals. They ate some strange foods – peacock, dormouse, snail and jellyfish.

Search online to find pictures of these animals.

Match the word to the definition

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| 1. strange | A big event with music and food. |
| 2. fabulous | A large meal for many people. |
| 3. feast | Not normal. |
| 4. festival | Really great. |

Section 2: At the museum

Activity 1:

Roman artifacts

At the museum there are many artifacts to do with food and drink.

Find these artifacts. Complete the sentences using the words in the box.



1. This bowl is for.....



2. This big jar is for



3. This cup is for



4. These coins are for.....



5. This bottle is made from.....



6. This pan is made from.....

mixing food
storage
drinking
paying
glass
metal

Activity 2:

Solve the case!

Find these other artifacts in the gallery. From what are the artifacts made?
Write the word beneath the picture.

stone glass bone iron bronze
gemstone

1. Grave



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2. bottle



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3. pin



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4. helmet



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5. finger



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6. carved stones



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In the Roman herb garden

The Romans used many herbs to cook. They also used herbs as medicines. The Roman army had many doctors for soldiers who were ill.

Look at the board about herbs.



1. What herb made you see better?
2. What herb made you sing better?.....
3. What herb was used for scorpion stings?.....
4. What herb was for broken bones?.....

Can you see these herbs in the garden?

Take a photo.

In the Barrack Room

A



B



Draw a line from the questions to the right answer.

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| 1. What was the stone (A) used for? | To grind grain to make flour. |
| 2. What can you make with flour?
the soldiers. | A stamp to mark bread made by |
| 3. Did you see this (B) in the gallery?
What is it? What was it used for? | Flour is used to make bread. |

Section 3: After the visit

A: Writing about the past

What can you remember from your visit?

Complete the sentences using **was**, **were**, **went** or **had**.

1. We _____ to the Roman Legion Museum.
2. There _____ many artifacts from Roman times.
3. We _____ a nice time.
4. The garden _____ full of herbs.
5. Roman soldiers _____ paid with coins.
6. Romans _____ glass bottles.

B: Is *and* Isn't; are *and* aren't

Some things are the same from Roman times and some are different. Use **is** *or* **isn't** and **are** *or* **aren't** to complete these sentences about Roman times and now.

1. Roman helmets _____ like bike helmets.
2. Roman bowls _____ like our bowls.
3. Our bread _____ like Roman bread.
4. Our gardens _____ like Roman gardens.
5. Our money _____ like Roman money.
6. Our herbs _____ like Roman herbs.
7. Our houses _____ like Roman houses
8. Roman life _____ like our life.
9. Music festivals _____ like Roman festivals.
10. Roman design _____ like modern design.

You **may not** agree on all the answers! Talk about why.

C: Preparation

Write three sentences about your visit to the museum.

What artifacts were there? What did you like? What surprised you? What made you laugh or smile? Was anything scary?

D: Postcard

Write a postcard to a friend.

Tell them about the museum visit. Use the sentences you have written in C.



	
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