



QUESTIONS

Mount Vesuvius



Read 1

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1. When did Mount Vesuvius last erupt, and what stage is it in currently?

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2. What did archaeologists discover below the volcanic mixture in Pompeii from the eruption in 79 CE?

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3. How did Pliny the Younger describe the sea as he witnessed the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 CE?

Read 2

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4. What does the map on page 2 show? How does this map give the reader a better idea of the impact of Mount Vesuvius?

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5. How do the captions give the reader a clearer understanding of the impact of Mount Vesuvius's eruptions?

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6. How did the language in the personal account of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius from 79 CE provide new information to the reader?

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7. Based on the information in the passage on pages 1 through 3, what details surprised you about the eruption of 79 CE?

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8. What new insight did the personal account from Pliny the Younger give you about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius?



Extension Activity

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Does reading a personal account of a historical event change your perspective about it?

Write a letter to Pliny that includes a response to this question.