Pompeii the first city

When Mount Vesuvius buried Herculaneum, it was a small city. It had a harbor, a market, and a temple dedicated to Apollo (god of light and sun), and the city was surrounded by fields. The area was fertile, and the city was well-protected.

In 1860, the king of Italy turned over the land to a group of engineers, who began to excavate the site. They found artifacts and sculptures, including a famous statue of a woman named Giulia. The city was named Herculaneum, between Pompeii and Misenum, after the Roman emperor Augustus.

When they dug deep, they may have uncovered the remains of Herculaneum, or rubble. The city was buried in ash and lava, and its people were never found. The city was finally uncovered in the 1870s, and since then, it has been a popular tourist destination.

An eyewitness account

Across the Bay of Naples from Pompeii, a young man and his uncle lived in a city called Magna Mater (present-day Misenum). The uncle, Pliny the Elder, was a scholar of all the sciences, including weather, astronomy and geology.

When Mount Vesuvius exploded, a large, dark cloud rose up from the city. The cloud was slowly moving toward the sea. The uncle ordered his servants to prepare a boat and begin sailing across the bay.

Pliny the Younger was born to the uncle, Pliny the Elder. He was a famous Roman writer and historian, about whom we know less than his uncle.

The city was never found. The uncle would never be forgotten.

EARTHQUAKE, AQUEDUCT, VOLCANO, MISENUM, PLINY, VAPOR

Words that remind us of Pompeii are hidden in the block below. Some are obvious; others are hidden. Can you find them all?

Photo by Bob D'Amico, courtesy Disney Channel

You'll need:

• 1 package prewashed romaine lettuce
• 2 tablespoons honey-roasted sliced almonds
• 1/4 cup reduced-fat feta cheese
• 1/2 avocado, sliced

What to do:

1. Place torn romaine lettuce in a large salad bowl.
2. Sprinkle with feta cheese and sliced almonds.
3. Add the sliced avocado.

This plaster cast of a man and a bee is evidence of Roman art. This cast was made to preserve the features of a man who died in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. It was made by pouring plaster into a mold of his face after he died. The mold was removed, leaving a cast of his face.

What did the honeymooning couple say to each other as they were standing next to an ash-covered volcano?

“Love you. What is the opposite of a volcano? A fire volcano!”

Words that resemble an ash-covered volcano, a ruler, and exclamation point are hidden in this puzzle. Can you find them all?

You will need an adult’s help with this recipe.

• ruler
• exclamation
• number 3
• lady’s face
• arrow
• bird

Uncovering Pompeii

Forgotten cities

Pompeii and nearby cities, ash and rock buried from Mount Vesuvius.

Pompeii was a prosperous city that flourished for about 200 years before it was buried. The city was known for its market and its harbor, but it was never found. The city was finally uncovered in the 1870s, and since then, it has been a popular tourist destination.

Digging for valuables

Experts think that about 2,000 people lived in Pompeii at the time of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, about 250 years before it was buried. The city was known for its market and its harbor, but it was never found. The city was finally uncovered in the 1870s, and since then, it has been a popular tourist destination.

A buried treasure

Much later, during the 1600s and 1700s, people digging for treasure in the area discovered parts of sculptures, statues of marble and other items removed from the earth. When others found out about the buried items, they began to dig and take what they could find. This left no records of how many items were found or where they were buried.

A city preserved

The ash that fell from Mount Vesuvius buried everything. The people buried in the ash, and their belongings. The people who died in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius are buried in the ash, and their belongings. The people who died in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius are buried in the ash, and their belongings. The people who died in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius are buried in the ash, and their belongings.

At the library

“Vacation Under the Volcano,” a Magic Tree House book by Mary Pope Osborne, and a companion book to “Vacation Under the Volcano,” “The Magic Tree House Treasury” by Mary Pope Osborne, are available at your local bookstore or library.

Mini Spy

Mini Spy and Alpha Betty are hiking in a volcanic park. They are looking for a secret message that will help them solve a mystery.

You can read more about the mystery in the next issue of The Mini Page. For now, try to solve the mystery on your own. You’ll need:

• ruler
• exclamation
• number 3
• lady’s face
• arrow
• bird

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