

Romans on the Don Worksheet 4 – The Romans – Questions and Answers Pack

In preparation for Worksheet 4 download the worksheet ([WORKSHEET 4.doc](#)) and print one copy for each pupil. You can also download it to an interactive white board. As suggestions are made by pupils they can be written on the board and, if preferred, the best answer or key word can be entered by the pupils on their sheet. You will also need to download 1 picture: [Worksheet 4 Q1 whats wrong.jpg](#). This can be printed or used on the interactive whiteboard.



Q1. Whats wrong with the scene Ask what things can the pupils see in the picture that are modern rather than Roman?

The scene is the vicus or small town that grew up outside the fort of Danum (Doncaster) after the Romans arrived. This is the origin of Doncaster.

There are a number of objects in the picture which are modern and were not invented when the Romans lived.

These include:

Road, electric street lights, electricity pylons, airplane, telephone box, wheelie bin, letter box, balloon, CDs, paperback books, car, car tyres, car parts, stereos, McDonalds, TVs, vacuum cleaner, iPod, umbrella, man hole cover, street drain, soft drinks can, pop bottle bicycle, handbag, electric light bulb.

Some of the things are hidden away on the market stalls.

Q2. How would Romans...? Ask the class how Romans would do things we do using electrical goods and other modern inventions?

This exercise is a good basis for looking at how life in Roman times were different to ours today. You can use each modern object to start a discussion of how people in Roman times would do the things we know today, eg listen to music, get around, communicate with their friends over a long distance, clean their house.

Ask what would Roman people use for energy and how would they light their homes or streets?

Heating came from wood fires – either by lighting a fire in a hearth in the centre of a room or with underfloor heating (hypocaust). They would use oil lamps for light in their homes. Streets were much darker than today.