

# POPPAEA SABINA,

Matron of Oplontis



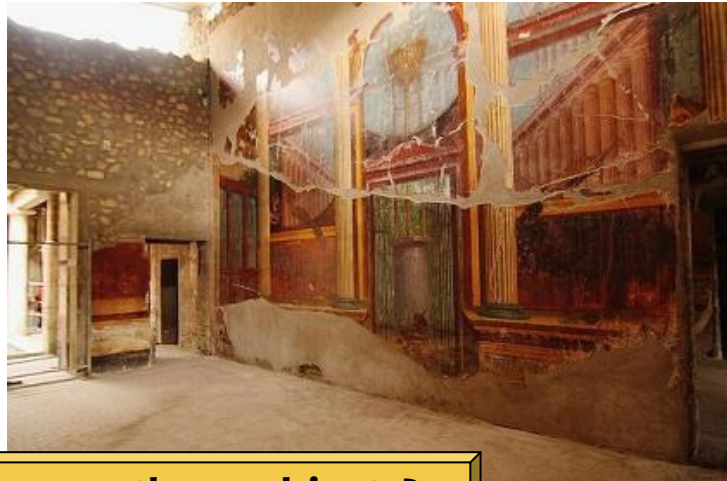
If you were an elite woman living at Oplontis, what would your life be like?

Turn over to learn and explore!

# Who Are You?

If you were an elite Roman woman like Poppaea . . .

- You would be in charge of a beautiful home with many elaborate frescoes, gardens, and pools. You would throw lavish parties for other wealthy people. Watch out for Poppaea! Some Romans described her as being beautiful, ambitious, and even ruthless.
- Even elite Roman women worked at home. You spun and wove wool into fabric. You also watched over your children and the household slaves.
- Poppaea Sabina was the second wife of Emperor Nero. Some archaeologists think Villa A was her vacation home.
- Poppaea grew up in Pompeii. The House of Menander in Pompeii may have belonged to her family.
- Poppaea may have owned a brick or tile business in Pompeii.



## How would you use these objects?



Explore the exhibition to find these objects and learn more about them.

## Things to See and Do

Find someone with the Slave Woman scroll . . .

Compare and contrast the Elite Woman's life and the life of the Slave Woman. What is the same? What is different?

Match the Objects!

Match these ancient Roman objects with the modern version:

