

AULUS VETTIUS CONVIVA,
The Freedman



If you were a freedman
living and working near
Oplontis, what would
your life be like?

Turn over to learn and
explore!

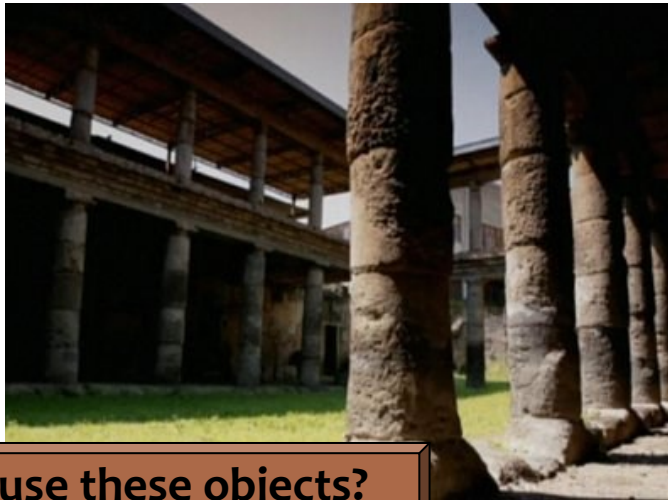
Who Are You?

If you were a Freedman . . .

You did such a good job working for your master that he freed you. This practice was called *manumission*. After you became a freedman, you had the rights of other Roman citizens except you couldn't hold public office.

- Aulus Vettius Conviva was a freedman who archaeologists believe owned one of the most beautiful houses in nearby Pompeii- the House of the Vettii.
- When you were freed, you often became a client of your former master. One of your duties as a client was to support your patron in elections. Election graffiti was found on the outside of the House of the Vettii.

- Just because you used to be a slave, that didn't mean you couldn't be wealthy. If you were interested in getting in on the profitable wine trade, you might want to visit the owner of Oplontis B (shown below).



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 *Paterfamilias* scroll . . .

Compare and contrast your life as a Freedman with the life of the *Paterfamilias*. What is the same? What is different?

Match the Objects!

Match these ancient Roman objects with the modern version:

