

# BERYLLOS,

The Slave Man



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

Turn over to learn and  
explore!

# Who Are You?

## If you had been a male slave at Oplontis . . .

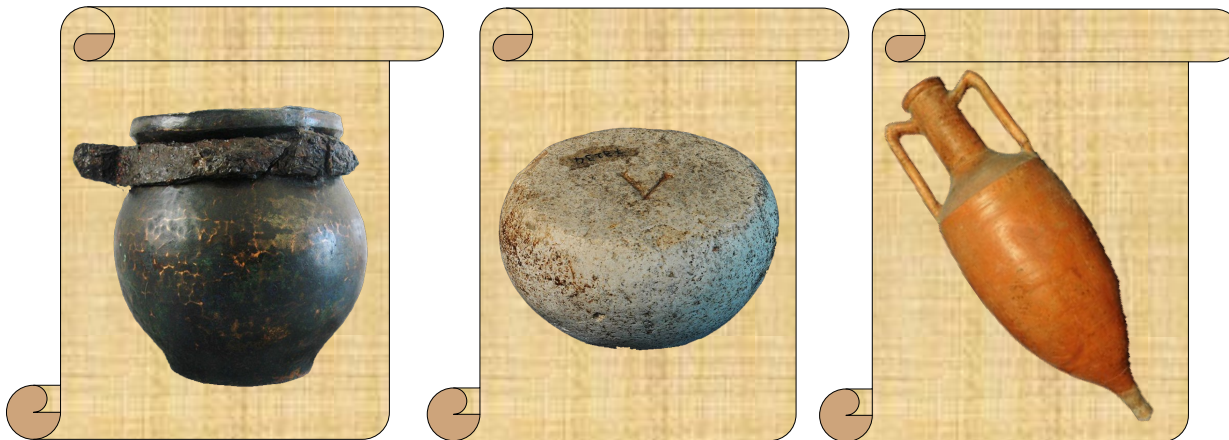
You might have been cooking, cleaning, laundry, guarding, accounting, gardening, construction—slaves did it all. Slaves were considered part of the household and had to obey the master of the house. Slaves could be well-treated or poorly treated— it all depended on the owner. Slaves were property.

- You are owned by Lucius Crassius Tertius, the man who archaeologists believe was involved in the wine business at Oplontis B.
- Unlike some of the other slaves who help with accounting, you are not very well-educated. Your job today is to rinse out these wine containers called *amphorae*. Use pine pitch to seal up any cracks!

- You are one slave of many who work for Lucius Crassius Tertius. The *vilicus* is a slave who oversees your day-to-day work. You still have to follow their instructions, just as you would listen to your owner.



## 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 Freedman scroll . . .

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

### ROMAN NUMERALS

Archaeologists found stones at Oplontis with Roman numerals on them. They were used as weights for measuring products.



II = Two = 2



V = Five = 5

I	1	VI	6
II	2	VII	7
III	3	VIII	8
IV	4	IX	9
V	5	X	10

L	50
C	100
M	1000

The year  
2016:  
MMXVI

Write the year you were born in

Roman numerals: \_\_\_\_\_