Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii

Complete the text with the words below

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Mount Vesuvius, a ----------near Naples in Italy, is hundreds of thousands of years old and has ----------more than 50 times. Its most famous ---------- took place in the year 79 A.D., when the ancient Roman city of Pompeii was ---------- under a thick **layer** of volcanic ----------. Two thousand people died, and the city was lost for many years. When archaeologists began ----------in 1748, they were surprised to find that–beneath dust and **debris**–Pompeii was mostly ----------. The buildings, wall paintings and skeletons left behind in the buried city have taught us a lot about everyday life in the ancient world. Excavators noticed that there were spaces in the skeletons so by carefully ----------plaster into them the final poses, clothing, and people's ---------- on their faces came to life.

By the turn of the first century A.D., the town of Pompeii, ---------- about five miles from the mountain was a wealthy ---------- and ---------- city. There were **elegant** houses and villas, small factories and shops of craftspeople such as ---------- and glassblowers. People used to ---------- in taverns, bars and bathhouses. No one expected such a ---------- destruction when buildings collapsed and fires ---------- everywhere.

layer= στρώμα, στρώση

debris= συντρίμμια

elegant= κομψός