

Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii

Complete the text with the words below

ash lying commercial tremendous volcano
expressions eruption potters preserved pouring
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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= συντρίμια

elegant= κομψός

