



Blencathra Homework Project Ideas

Autumn Term 2023

Romans and Rivers

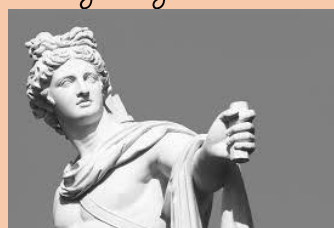


This term, your homework is to contribute something towards our class museum.

The "Blencathra Class Museum" will be open to the school community towards the end of term. It will host a range of displays, artefacts and exhibitions inspired by our Geography and History topics on Romans and Rivers.

Roman Religion (gods and myths)

Can you make a fact-file about a Roman god? Draw an illustration of them and explain how they might have influenced Roman life.



Research Roman mosaics. Design your own mosaic. Think about colour and shape, and what patterns do you see around you that could influence the design?



Find out about what food the Romans ate and how the food was prepared. Create your own Roman menu or prepare a dish. Add photos and the recipes to the museum.



Choose one of these topics to research and create a fact sheet or poster:

- Roman Religion (gods and myths)
- Roman Sports and Leisure (gladiators, competitions)
- Roman Towns
- Roman Homes (e.g. mosaics and food)
- Roman Army (e.g. soldiers, road building)

Find out what kind of artefacts archaeologists have discovered which help us learn more about the Romans. Perhaps you could visit a museum (e.g. Tullie House, or the British Museum online) and get some inspiration about the types of artefacts found in museums.

Use these ideas to create some of your own model artefacts e.g. shields, oil lamp, coins.

Provide some information to go alongside your artefact in the museum.



Do some research and create a presentation (booklet, poster etc) about one, or a selection of, world or UK rivers. (e.g. Nile, Severn, Thames, Danube).

You could cover topics such as;

- A map to show where the river is
- Facts and information about the river (length, depth, source, mouth etc).
- The plants and animals that live in or near the river
- The major towns and cities along with river, and something interesting about those places - maps, writing and illustrations would look great for this.
- Any interesting historical events that have happened on or near the river - you could write a diary entry set during an important historical event.

Design and make a bridge to cross a busy river.

What will you make it out of? How will you make it a strong structure?



Design and make a 3D model of a river, from source to mouth.

Can you label it with its different features too? e.g. ox bow lake, meander, estuary. Can you display information about each feature?



Please choose at least one project from the above, or discuss your own idea with us.

You should hand the project in by **Monday 27th November**. You can do this by returning it to school or by uploading it to Teams.

Children will have time to share their project with the class during the week after the hand in date.

The museum will be open to families - invites with further details will follow nearer the time!

This project is to be completed over the full Autumn term, so we do expect a piece of work that is completed to a **high standard**. It is important that you plan this as a family and choose a project that will allow you to enjoy the process.

If you need to use or borrow any resources from school then please ask so we can organise this for you.

Have fun!

Miss Heron and Mrs Capstick