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Featured Graffiti: Warm-Up Activities

Food

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AGP-EDR167574

Pompe ++ III S(emis)	At Pompeii(?) 3 ½ coins
P(ondo?) lard(i) a(ssibus) III	1 pound of lard 3 coins
Vinum a(sse) S(emis)	Wine 1 ½ coins
Casium a(sse) S(emis)	Cheese 1 ½ coins
Oleum a(sse) I	Olive oil 1 coin
Panem a(ssibus) II S(emis)	Bread 2 ½ coins
Suar(ium?) a(ssibus) IIII	Pork 4 coins

- What similarities or differences do you see between what the Romans ate and what you eat?
- Do you know how much a loaf of bread costs at the grocery store? Is it comparable to what the Romans paid for a loaf of bread?
- Why would someone buy lard?
- Why might this list have been scratched onto the wall?

AGP-EDR154177

Nuc(es) biber(es?) XIII (assibus)	Nuts Drinks(?) 14 (small coins)
Singa III	Pork rinds 3
Panem III LI	Three (loaves of) bread 51
Orrellas III XII	Three cutlets 12
Thymatla IIII VIII	Four thyme-flavored sausages 8

- Where might someone have nuts and drinks today?
- What similarities or differences do you see between what the Romans ate and what you eat?
- Why might this list have been scratched onto the wall?

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AGP-EDR151521

Edone dicit	(H)edone says
assibus [singulis] hic	Here, a person can drink for a single dollar (literally, for one small coin)
si dederis meliora	If you hand over two, you will drink better (wine)
bibes quantus	
si dederis vina F	If you give four, you'll drink Falernian!
Falerna bib(es)	

- What are your impressions of Falernian wine?
- What do you think about the quality of the wine that cost 1 coin?

AGP-EDR140195

XI K(alendas) pane factum	On the 11 th day before the Kalends bread was made.
III Nonas pane factum	Three days before the Nones, bread was made.
≡	Three

- When was the Kalends of each month?
- When was the Nones of each month?
- Why might it have been important to keep a record of these dates?

AGP-EDR151867

Vinum acceptum	Wine was received
ab domino VII Idus Apriles	by the master on the 7 th day before the Ides of April.

- What day was the 7th day before the Ides of April?
- If the master received the wine, who might have written this graffiti?

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