

# The Ancient Graffiti Project

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## Featured Graffiti: Warm-Up Activities

### Occupations

The following graffiti are found at: <http://ancientgraffiti.org/Graffiti/themes/Occupations>

#### AGP-EDR147687

Crescens architectus  
(written in the shape of a ship)

Crescens the architect

- Project the graffiti onto the board.
- What is this individual's name and what is his job?
- Given the shape of the graffiti, what did he most likely build?
- Why might Crescens have written this graffiti?
- What does the Latin verb "cresco" mean?

#### AGP-EDR175571

Fullo Crescens coponi sal

The dry-cleaner Crescens says hi to the innkeeper

- What is a "fullo"?
- What is a "coponi," often "cauponi" in textbooks?
- Which one is named Crescens?
- Why might Crescens have written this graffiti?

#### AGP-EDR149325

Priscus caelator Campano gemmario feliciter

Priscus, the engraver, to Campanus the gem-maker: wishing you well!

- What business relationship might an engraver and a gem-maker have?
- Why might Priscus have written this greeting to Campanus?

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## AGP-EDR175572

Cresces fullonibus salutem hic et ubique

Crescens gives greetings to the dry-cleaners here and everywhere.

- What do you notice about the writer's name?
- We see this name in multiple graffiti as a name for different tradesman. Why would this be a good name for a tradesman? What does the Latin verb "cresco" mean?
- Why might a tradesman have written a graffito? How might it benefit him?

## AGP-EDR175589

Successus textor amat coponiaes ancilla(m)

Successus the weaver loves the innkeeper's slave girl

nomine Hiredem quae quidem illum  
non curat sed ille rogat illa com(m)iseretur

named Iris, who does not care for him at all but he asks that she takes pity on him.

scribit rivalis vale

A rival wrote this. See ya!

- What English word do you see in the weaver's name? What does this make you think about how he does his job?
- Where hasn't the weaver found success?
- Who wrote this graffito? Why do you think he wrote it?

\*\*See **Featured Graffiti** for more topics: <http://ancientgraffiti.org/Graffiti/featured-graffiti>