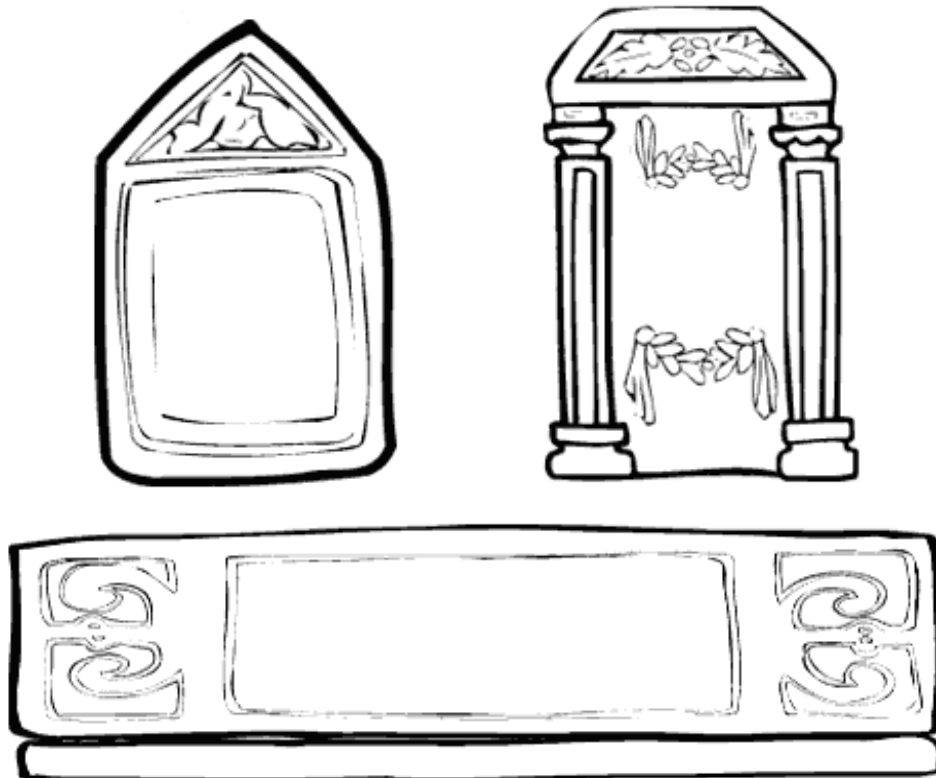


Primary History

Worksheet: The Romans - Tombstones

The Romans believed that when they died, they went to the Underworld. A Roman tombstone had writing on it, telling people about the dead person. Look at these examples, and find out more about what was written on a tombstone. Then draw your own Roman tombstone, with some details about an imaginary Roman, on a separate sheet of paper.

Use these tombstones and information to help you with this task:



Roman tombstones were coloured red or blue. There was a dot or a triangle between words. On it was carved: A dedication to a **Roman god**, a **Roman name**, **army rank**, **town of birth** and age.

Some **Roman Gods**: Pluto - the underworld, Mars - the god of war, Venus - the goddess of love.

Army ranks: Centurion - on foot, Equus - Roman cavalry, Vets - retired.

Birthplace: 'Castra' means fort. It has changed to chester or cester and is often found at the end of old Roman town names.

Roman names: Names for men ended in 'us'. Names for women ended in 'a'.