





Exploring objects

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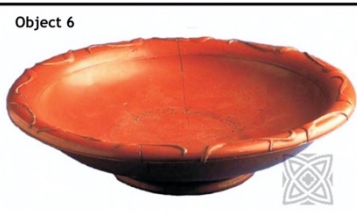


Answer sheet - object cards 1 and 2

<p>Object 1</p> 	<p>1 - Victorian Sculpture – marble bust</p> <p>This sculpture can be deceiving because it looks like a Roman art work. In reality the artist is using the neo-classic style which emulates the characteristics of sculptures from Ancient Greece and Rome: for example the man in this bust is wearing a toga which was the typical way important Roman men dressed but certainly wasn't something someone would wear in Victorian times.</p>
<p>Object 2</p> 	<p>2 - Edwardian - Humphries & Holt stoneware bottle</p> <p>Ginger beer and the production of mineral waters ran alongside the beer brewing industry in Reading. There was a strong Temperance tradition in Reading, encouraging workers to abstain from drinking alcohol. The Rising Sun arts center on Silver street opened as a Temperance meeting place in 1877, built by the well known locally based architect Alfred Waterhouse (Reading Town Hall Natural History Museum). The most well known soft drinks manufacturer was Tunbridge.</p>
<p>Object 3</p> 	<p>3 - Roman – Bronze and enamel Bow Brooch</p> <p>This roman bow brooch is bronze with what looks like coloured glass or enamel decoration. This is a widely used design and ones very like it were in use during the pre roman iron age (Some could be more elaborate and take the form of animals, etc.)</p>
<p>Object 4</p> 	<p>4 - Roman - bone counters or game pieces</p> <p>There's evidence of various board and dice games from ancient Rome, but bone was also used to make counters and tokens well into the 19th century.</p>

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Answer sheet - object cards 3 and 4

 <p>Object 5</p>	<p>5 - Roman – Blue Glass Bowl</p> <p>This beautiful glass bowl has a pattern of different coloured glass and a ribbed design. Romans probably brought glass working to Britain and this bowl is a very fine example. It would probably have been expensive and imported.</p>
 <p>Object 6</p>	<p>6 - Roman - Samian ware dish</p> <p>Samian is a bright terracotta with slip decoration that gives it its distinctive surface sheen. It was sometimes decorated with moulding or stamps. It was not locally made but would have been an import, most probably from Gaul.</p>
 <p>Object 7</p>	<p>7 - Bronze Age - bronze dagger or sword.</p> <p>Weapons like this have been found in rivers so often that they are thought to have been ceremonial offerings to the river gods. They are often ritually destroyed, for example by being bent in half so this perfectly preserved example is quite rare.</p>
 <p>Object 8</p>	<p>8 - 1890s and 1930s – Fireman's helmet</p> <p>Reading Fire Brigade was formed in 1844 as part of the Borough Police.</p> <p>This Reading Fire Brigade helmet has many dents from its use. The Metropolitan Fire Brigade first introduced brass helmets in the 1860s and they were soon used across Britain. They continued in use until the mid 1930s when an increasing risk of electrocution led to their replacement by leather or cork helmets.</p>