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The Archaeological Uniqueness of Pompeii



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- ☐ By contrasting Pompeii as a more important historical site than Rome
- ☐ By describing its influence on towns in the Late Republic and Early Empire
- ☐ By describing Rome and Pompeii as well known by the public
- ☐ By comparing Pompeii to Rome as an equally important historical site



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2 What is the author's main purpose in paragraph 2?

- ☐ To contrast the Oscans and the Samnites
- ☐ To explain the influence of the Oscans
- ☐ To provide an early history of the city of Pompeii
- ☐ To show the significance of the Roman general Sulla



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3 The author emphasizes the uniqueness of Pompeii

- ☐ by discussing how Pompeii has fewer structures than Herculaneum
- ☐ by comparing it to a similar site, Herculaneum
- ☐ by explaining how Pompeii was excavated
- ☐ by listing archaeological finds at both Pompeii and Herculaneum



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4 Why does the author mention "pavements and sidewalks" in paragraph 3?

- ☐ To compare a structure in Pompeii to a structure in Herculaneum
- ☐ To note two surviving structures in Pompeii
- ☐ To illustrate the cause and effect of changes to Pompeian streets
- ☐ To draw similarities between Pompeii and Herculaneum



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5 Which of the following statements best represents the author's opinion?

- ☐ The Samnites contributed less than the Oscans to the development of Pompeii.
- ☐ Inhabitants of Pompeii lacked the resources to create lasting structures.
- ☐ Archaeologists have just begun their work in uncovering Pompeii.
- ☐ City planners implemented clever ideas in their design of Pompeii.



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- 6 The author gives examples of the shapes of Pompeii's city blocks
- ☐ to show how Pompeii's city plan differed from later Roman design
 - ☐ to explain the similarity between Pompeii's plan and the military grid
 - ☐ to illustrate Pompeii city planners' use of the castrum plan
 - ☐ to show how Pompeii's city planners used geometry in their design



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