

## “The Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius” Quiz

**Directions:** Read the article “The Eruption of Mt. Vesuvius” on page 4 of the January 2013 issue of *Storyworks*. Then select the best answer for each question.

**1. Where is the city of Pompeii?**

- A Greece
- B Italy
- C Spain
- D Hawaii

**2. What does *sophisticated* mean in the sentence that starts “Nowhere else in the world has such a sophisticated system of aqueducts . . .”?**

- A strange and bizarre
- B foul and dirty
- C broken and worthless
- D advanced and complex

**3. What is a gladiator?**

- A a special kind of fighter who battled other men and ferocious animals in a stadium
- B someone who unearths dazzling treasures, like jewels, silver dishes, artwork, and statues
- C a system of underground tunnels that deliver fresh water to fountains, bathhouses, and private homes
- D another name for the emperor of Rome

**4. According to the article, what was the rotten-egg smell that wafted from the mountaintop before Vesuvius erupted?**

- A the god Jupiter
- B hot magma
- C smoke
- D sulfurous gas

**5. Which of the following was NOT a sign that Mt. Vesuvius was about to erupt?**

- A Goats and sheep were dropping dead on the mountain.
- B Earthquakes were erupting throughout the city.
- C Rain was pouring down upon the city.
- D Streams were drying up.

**6. The pumice from the volcano caused \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A roofs to collapse
- B lava to flow down the mountain
- C the ground to shake
- D smoke to spew from the mountaintop

**7. Of the people who stayed in Pompeii during the eruption, \_\_\_\_\_ survived.**

- A only a few
- B most
- C dozens
- D none

**8. Which of the following statements is a fact?**

- A The eruption of Mt. Vesuvius was horrible.
- B Pompeii was the best city.
- C Watching men fight to the death in an amphitheater was a cruel activity.
- D Wealthy citizens of Pompeii hired tutors to teach their sons Latin, Greek, grammar, and poetry.

### Critical Thinking

**Directions:** On a separate piece of paper, write your answers in well-organized paragraphs. Make sure you support your answers with information and details from the article.

**9. How do we know today what Pompeii was like before Mt. Vesuvius’s eruption in 79 A.D.?**

**10. Choose one of the multiple choice questions from above and explain why you chose the answer you did.**