

# THE TRUTH IS WEIRDER\* MYTH-BUSTER KIT

\*become a history detective

Ages 9-13

## MYTH ON TRIAL

CASE FILE No.001 • POMPEII • 79 CE

EP 01

### FROZEN IN TIME?

CASS SAYS...

Everyone **KNOWS** the people of Pompeii were frozen solid, mid-snack!

PIP CHECKS...

Hang on... those body shapes are plaster poured into hollow spaces in the ash. Clever, not frozen.

MYTH BUSTED!

### Be a myth-buster in 3 steps

- 1 What do you **think you know**? Say the "fact" out loud.
- 2 **Who told you**, and how would *they* actually know it?
- 3 Go find the **evidence**. A real letter, a dig, a photo. No proof? Be suspicious.

### Weird-but-true, or totally made up?

Circle your guess. Answers are upside down.

- 1 Ancient Romans shared one toilet sponge on a stick.
- 2 People in the Middle Ages thought the world was flat.
- 3 Honey found in ancient Egyptian tombs can still be eaten today.

ANSWERS : 1) WEIRD but TRUE, and yes, really. 2) Made up, they knew it was round. 3) WEIRD but TRUE, honey does not go off.

### Your turn: draw the weirdest TRUE fact you know

Then put it on trial with the 3 steps. Can you prove it?