



# Expanded Interiors Re-Staged

Worksheet :  
Roman Interior  
Decoration

Can you name the  
sea creatures in this  
Roman Bath complex  
in Herculaneum!

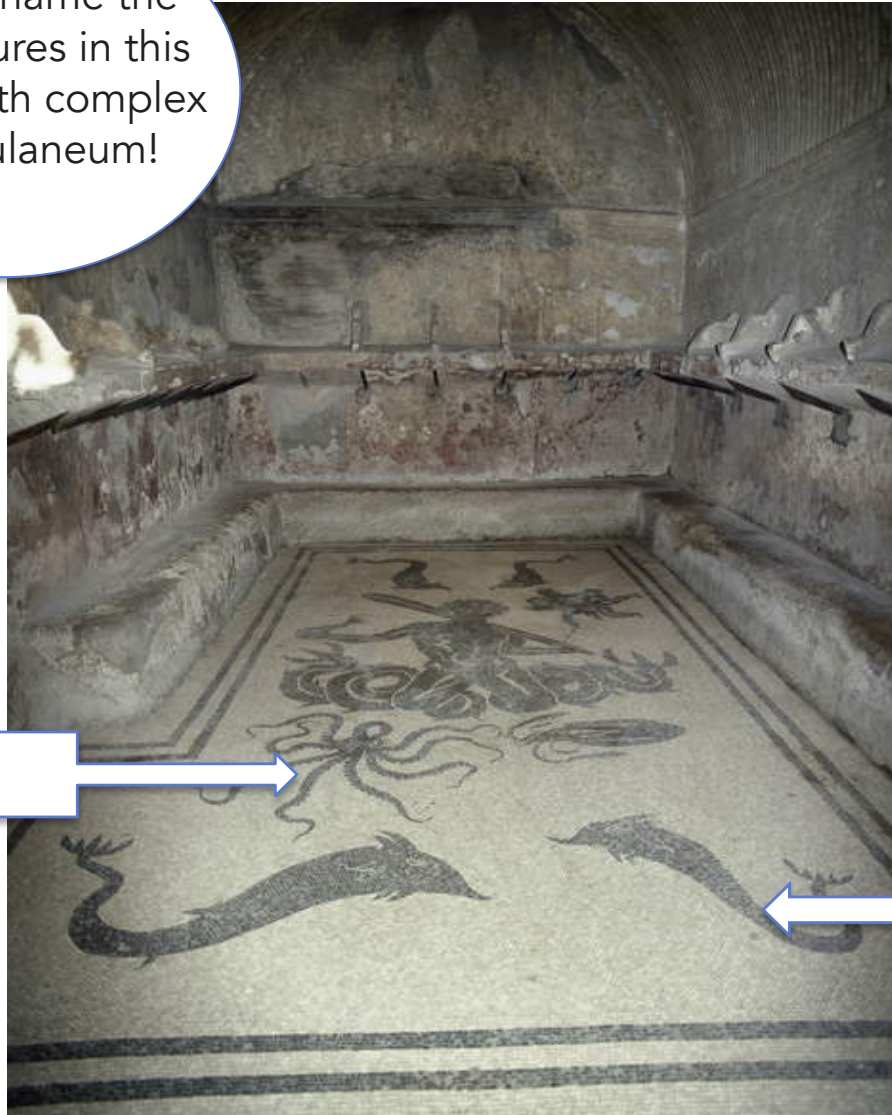


Figure 1 :Thermal baths, Herculaneum, Italy / Tarker / Bridgeman Images  
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## Activity 1: Name the sea creature in the Roman Mosaic

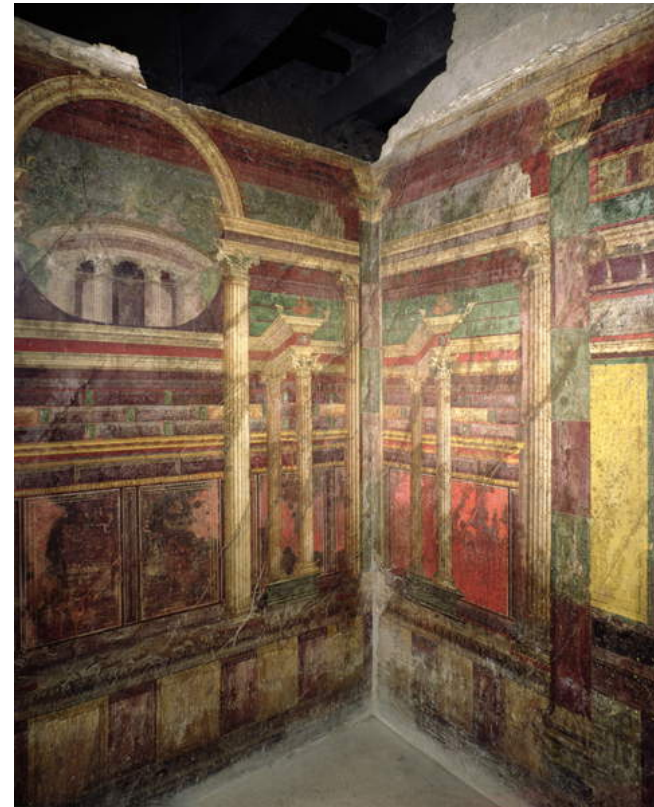




Casa del Criptoportico, Courtesy of Parco Archeologico di Pompei and Expanded Interiors, photograph: Expanded Interiors  
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Casa del Criptoportico, Pompeii, Italy, 2015,  
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Frescoes from the Villa Dei Misteri, 1st century BC  
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**Activity 2: Draw an a imaginary building - inspired by 2nd Style Roman painting**

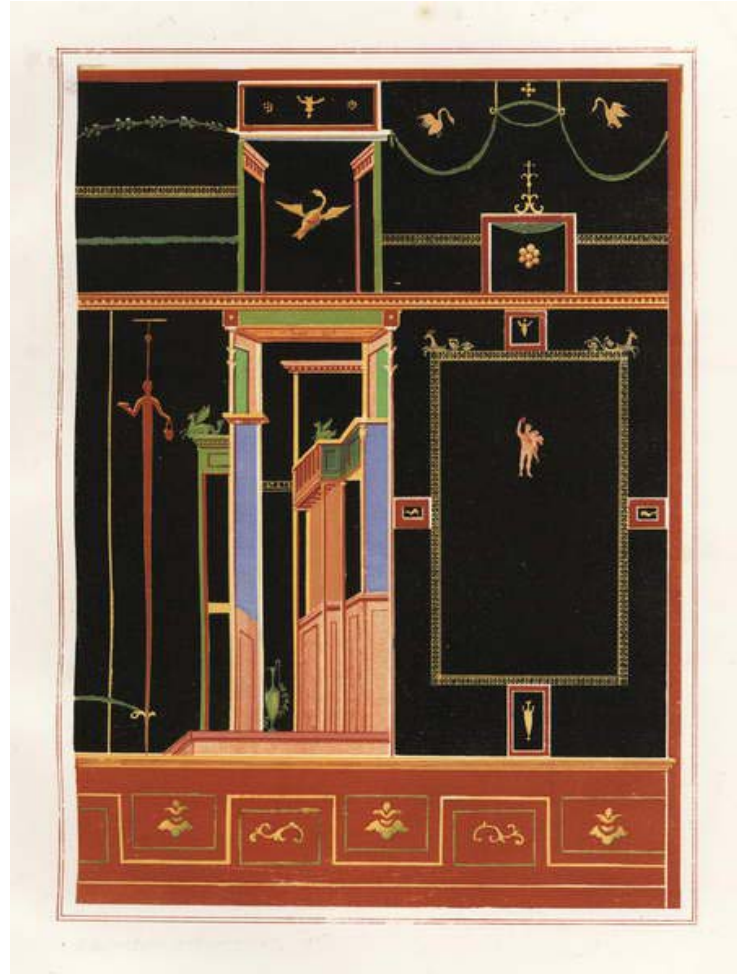


Figure 2: Fragment of architecture with satyrs, from Herculaneum (fresco), Roman, (1st century AD) / Museo Archeologico Nazionale, Naples, Campania, Italy / © Samuel Magal, Sites & Photos Ltd. / Bridgeman Images. CC BY-NC-ND-4.0

Figure 3: Wall painting from a small bedroom in the House of Orpheus, Casa di Orfeo, or the house of Vesonius Primus. Reg. VI, Ins. 14, No. 20. Chromolithograph by Victor Steeger after an illustration by Geremia Discanno from Emile Presuhn (1844-1878) *The Most Beautiful Paintings of Pompeii*, Leipzig, 1881. / © Florilegius / Bridgeman Images. CC BY-NC-ND-4.0

Figure 4: Mural from unidentified building in Pompeii. Chromolithograph by Victor Steeger after an illustration by Geremia Discanno from Emile Presuhn (1844-1878) *The Most Beautiful Paintings of Pompeii*, Leipzig, 1881. / © Florilegius / Bridgeman Images. CC BY-NC-ND-4.0

## Activity 2: Draw an imaginary building - inspired by 3rd Style Roman painting

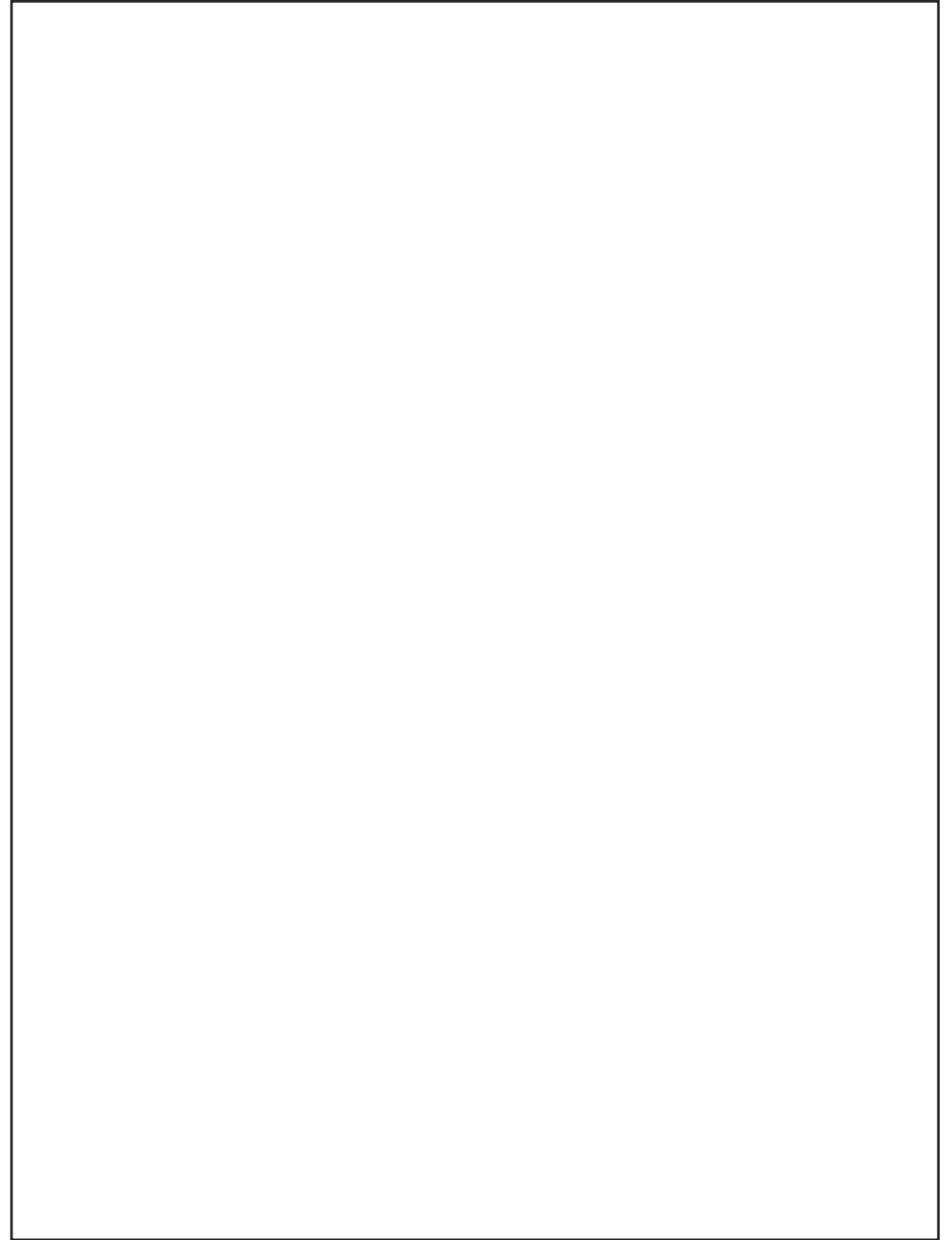


Inspired by both 2nd style or 3rd style wall painting, use your imagination and draw your own Roman wall painting design. Remember, 2nd style depicts architecture in an illusionistic way, and the 3rd style is more ornamental and depicts space in a less realistic way. Draw two designs based on these two styles. What features will your wall painting design have? Are you going to draw columns, doors or windows? Be creative and use your imagination to dream up two wall painting designs that are really fantastical!

**Activity 2: Draw imaginary building - Inspired by 2nd and 3rd Style Roman painting**



Draw your 2nd style Roman Wall Painting design here. Remember the architecture depicted in a illusionist way - look at the examples on the previous pages.



Draw your 3rd style Roman Wall Painting design here. Remember the architecture depicted in 3rd style are more ornamental - the buidings appear quite thin and less realistic.




Can you name the  
objects which Cupid is  
holding?



Figure of Spring on the Dining Room floor, Chedworth Roman  
Villa, Gloucestershire, UK, 2nd century AD, National Trust  
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**Activity 3: Name the objects that Cupid is holding.**




Get creative and  
design your own  
mosaic floor design.

Subjects you  
might want to explore in  
your mosaic...

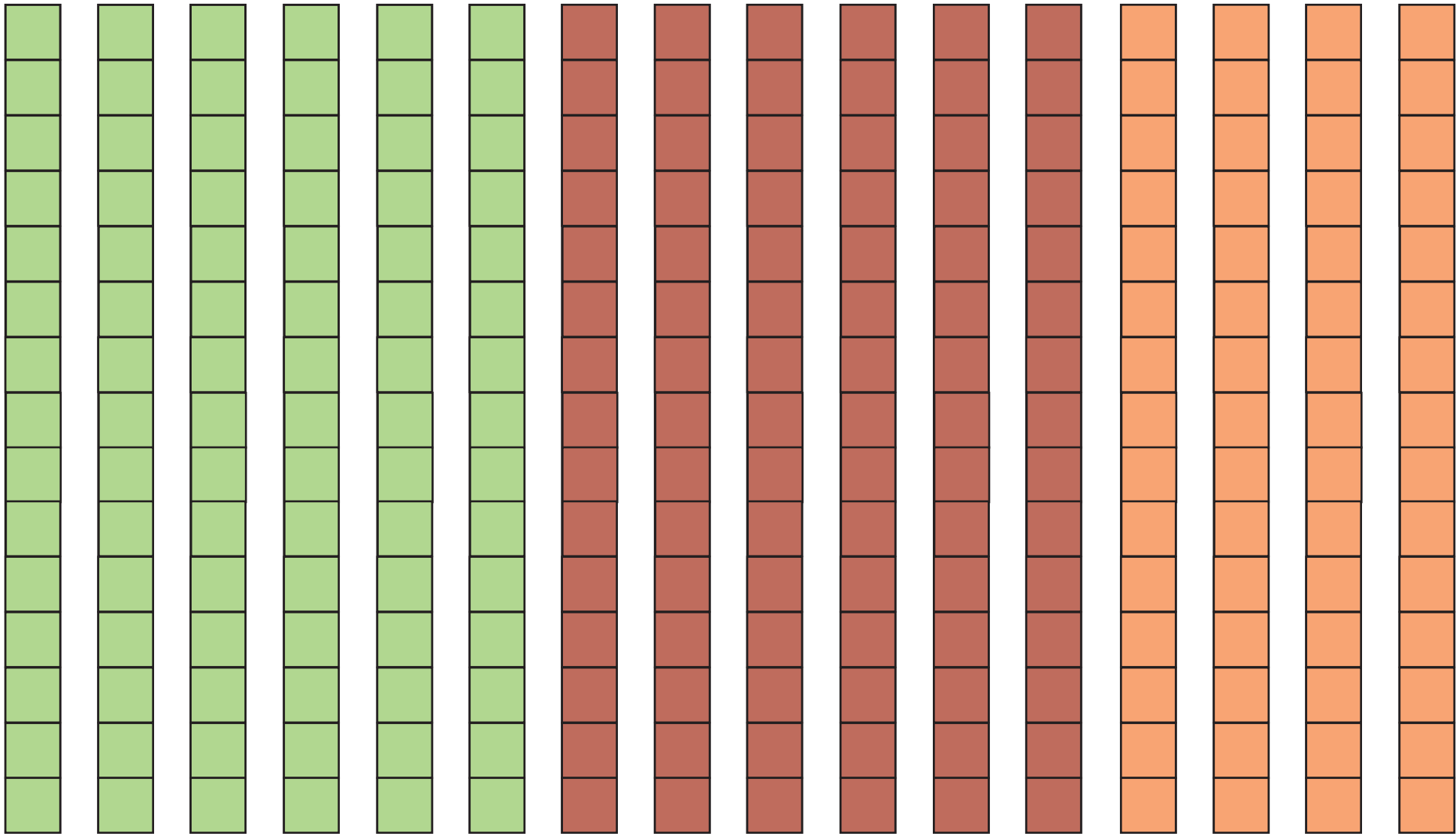
- four seasons: spring,  
summer, autumn or winter.

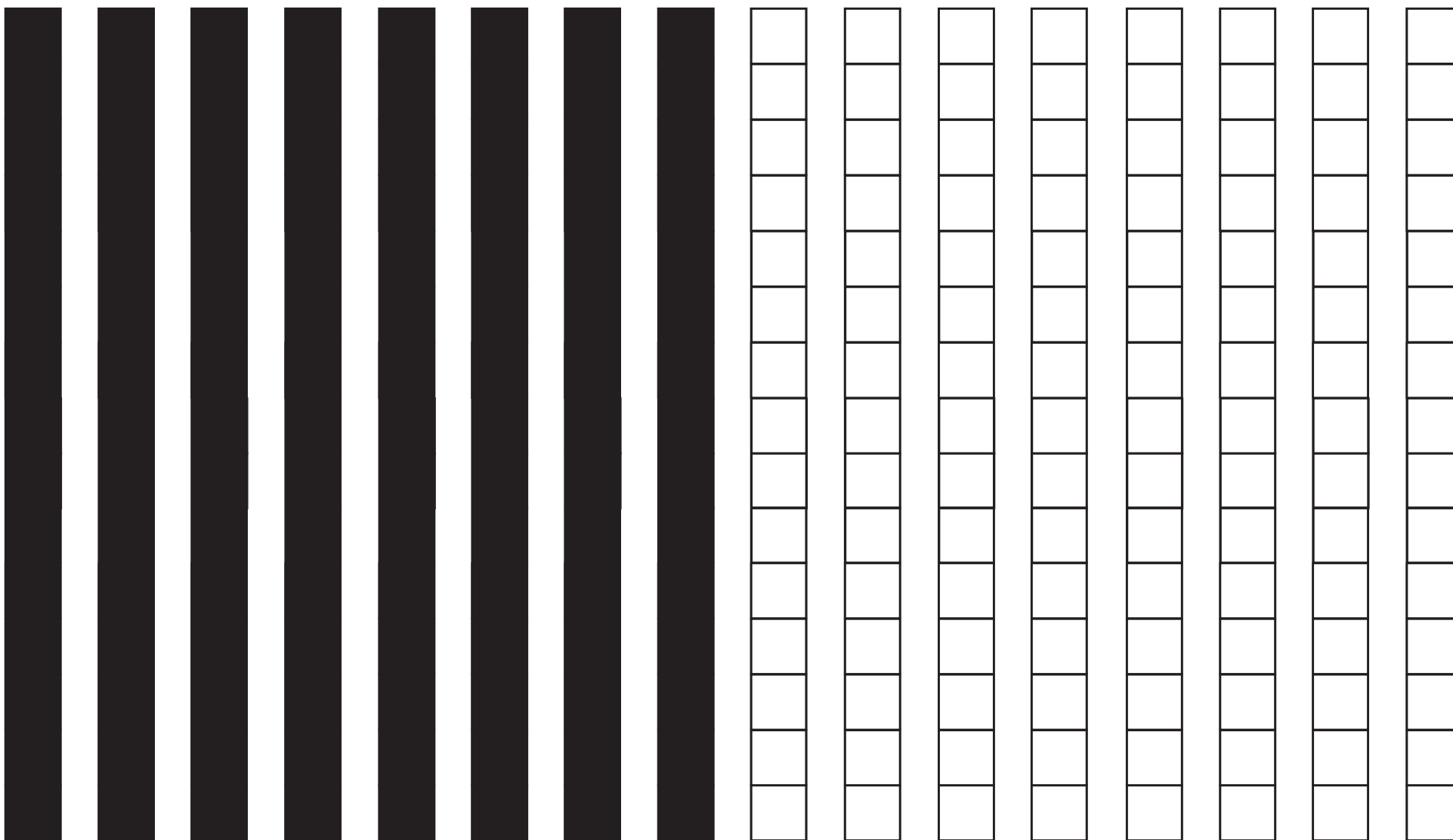
Mythologies – The Romans often used images of  
their gods. Think about your own stories or modern  
day myths, legends, or icons.  
Use and cut the tesserae on the next two  
pages or cut out your own.



#### Activity 4: Get Creative and make your own mosaic design







Create your own interior space using Catrin's artwork for inspiration, and all the Roman interior spaces you've discovered during our time travelling journey together.



Find an old shoe box or cardboard box. This box will form the walls of your room that you are about to design. To create your design I would suggest you could use old newspaper / magazines, packaging material, coloured paper, fabric, wallpaper, pencils, paint, scissors and glue. Begin to draw, collage and paint your designs on the walls of your box! If you're stuck ... don't forget you can look back to the Roman examples in the presentation or in this booklet or the examples on the next page.



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## Activity 5: Get Creative and design and your own interior



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## Activity 5: Get Creative and design and your own interior