

Competition 4: Trade in Rome

Using the online tool at <http://orbis.stanford.edu/>, try to trace the route of an Alexandrian grain ship to the Bay of Naples. How long would it take? What might that mean to a trader in Puteoli?

Was the price of grain in this contract (1 measure, modius, equals 8.73 litres) high or low, given that 900 sesterces were the annual pay of a Roman legionary?

To judge by that, what could it mean to be a freed slave of the emperor?

Some hints to help with your calculations:

- Think about how much money this grain could have been worth.
- Think about how much food a Roman citizen might have needed in one year.
- Try looking up extra information which may inform your argument.

Your competition entry should be 300 words or less, and you may also want to include any calculations or screencaps from the ORBIS tool to illustrate your answer.

How to enter

1. Complete your competition entry and make sure it follows the guidelines listed below
2. Fill out the [Competition Cover Sheet](#)
3. Email your entry and your cover sheet to us at inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk

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1. You must complete the [Competition Cover Sheet](#) and submit it along with your entry to inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk before the closing date. If we do not receive a completed cover sheet with your entry, we will NOT be able to consider the entry.
2. The competition closes at **5pm on Wednesday 4 November 2020**.
3. The work you submit must be entirely your own, and should be 300 words or less.
4. Competition winners will be contacted via email about a week after the competition's closing date. The following prizes will be awarded:
 - a. 1st place: £20 Amazon gift voucher, entry listed on Inspire Digital
 - b. 2nd place: £10 Amazon gift voucher, entry listed on Inspire Digital
 - c. Up to 5 top entries: entry listed on Inspire Digital