

# Art & Design of ancient objects – visit to Hadrian's Wall

Ancient Romans left thousands of objects on Hadrian's Wall. Some are on display in museums. They were made by crafts people from many countries across the Roman Empire.

We can learn a lot about the world the ancient people lived in by examining these objects. We can study the materials and skills they used to make them to develop our own skills



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## ACTIVITY:

Choose an ancient object on display. In your sketchbooks do the following:

- 1. Make notes about the object**  
What is it? What is it made from? Who used it? What for?
- 2. Sketch the object.**  
Show details like chisel marks, casting rough edges, brush strokes, thumb prints, etc.
- 3. How was it made?**  
Think about materials and tools. What would they do first? What would they do last?
- 4. Compare with a modern object.**  
What is the same? What differences are there? Will they last for 2000 years?
- 5. Annotate your sketch**  
Make notes of the details you have observed and thought about.
- 6. Repeat for more objects.**  
Think of a reason for choosing your next objects. Maybe they were used by the same person (e.g a woman or a soldier), or they're examples of the same thing (e.g. a statue)?



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