

Bronze Steelyard

MU4503



Student-led inquiry topics and useful resources to begin your research

1. What was the function of a Roman steelyard? Explain how the various parts of MU4503 would have been used.
2. Below is the relief of a metal workers workshop from Pompeii. Describe what is being depicted in this scene. Can you see an object similar to MU4503 being used?



Relief of metal workers workshop from Pompeii, VROMA

3. Steelyards such as MU4503 would have played an integral part in the commercial life of the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum and would have likely been used in the *marcellum*. What was the *marcellum*?

4. What evidence is there that suggests that Pompeii and Herculaneum were bustling commercial cities?

5. What were some of the major industries at Pompeii and Herculaneum? Refer to archaeological and textual evidence to support your answer.

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