



TOPIC 2.3

Extension task HELPING A HOPELESS HISTORIAN

You've received the following piece of writing from a hopeful historian who wants to publish a book on Pompeii. Your job is to work out if it's any good!

What was it like on the streets of Pompeii?

The streets of Pompeii were extremely dirty and dangerous! People always had to walk in dirt and filth. Everyone used the streets as a toilet, so they stank! You couldn't see where you were going at night because there were no lights anywhere. This made it very dangerous to be out after dark. It was also very dangerous during the day. There were hundreds of animals and carts out on the streets. There were also loads of body parts lying around in the streets all over the place. You could barely go anywhere without seeing human limbs.

People used the streets for all sorts of activities such as buying and selling. They were very busy all the times of day and night. The streets were really for the rich. This is proven by the fact that many stepping stones across the streets have been found next to the houses of rich people.