



Speaker: Discovery of the ruins of Pompeii in Herculaneum were tremendously important. These ruins inspire awe even today. Not only is it a glimpse of a perfectly preserved past, but it also contains elements of horror and terror as we have a glimpse into the lives of the unknown souls in their very last moments before death. The news and description of this tremendous archeological find captured the imagination of all of Europe and it renewed an interest in classical antiquities.

Everything from statues, myths, and even modes of dress and hairstyles, place and some really horrible novels were based on stories about Pompeii. Of course, artists took up the banner too. As you look through the art from this era, see how many times you spot togas and hairstyles that look like they came from ancient Greek and Roman statues. These people had antiquities fever.

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