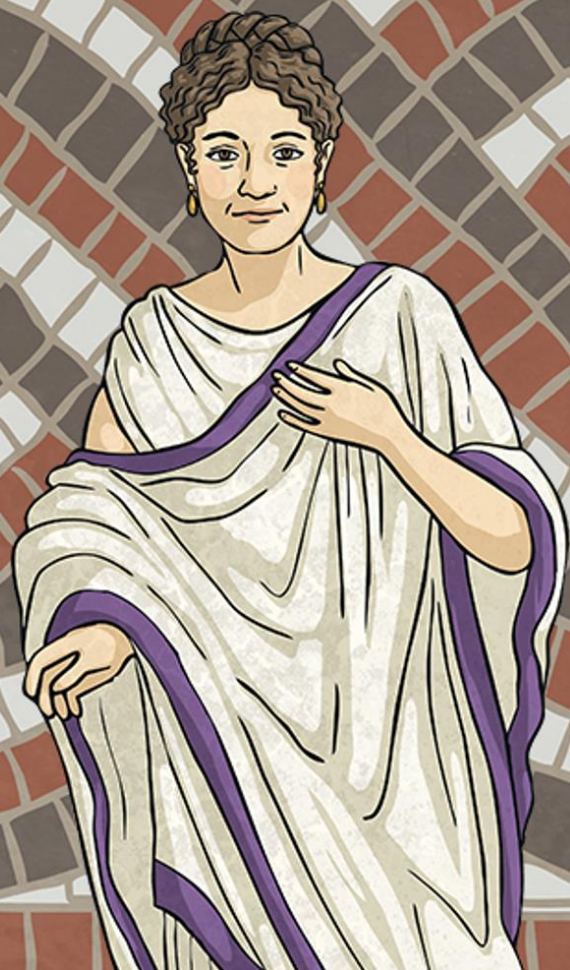


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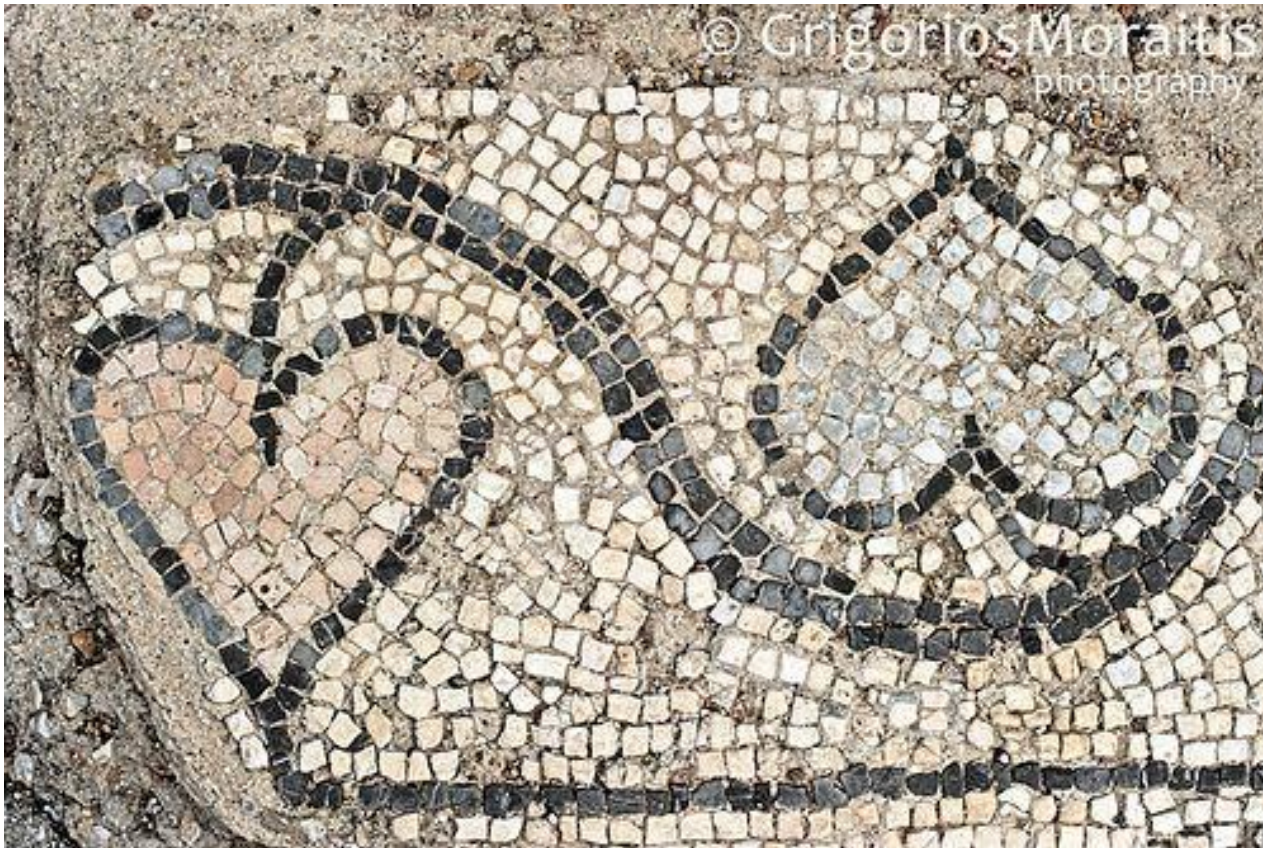


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# The first mosaics

The earliest decorated mosaics were made in Greece in the late 5th century BCE, using black and white pebbles.





# Mosaics

The art of creating mosaics was very popular in ancient Greece in the fifth and fourth centuries, B.C. After Rome conquered Greece the use of mosaics became widespread and it was common practice to have a Greek-themed mosaic floor in almost every Roman villa.

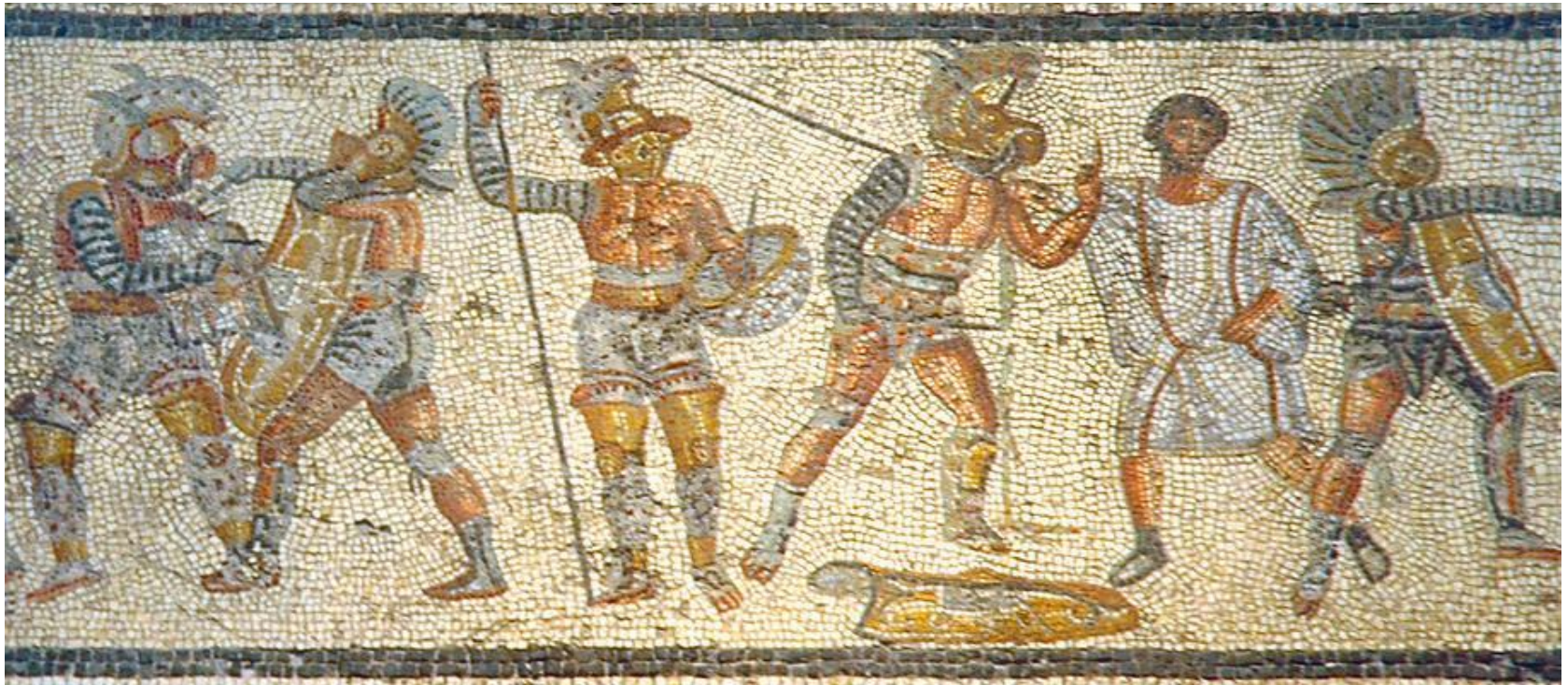


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# Mosaics

The floors of buildings were often richly decorated with mosaics. Mosaics were made from tiny coloured stones which they called tesserae.



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# Mosaics

Mosaics have been found that show scenes of history, as well as everyday Greek life.

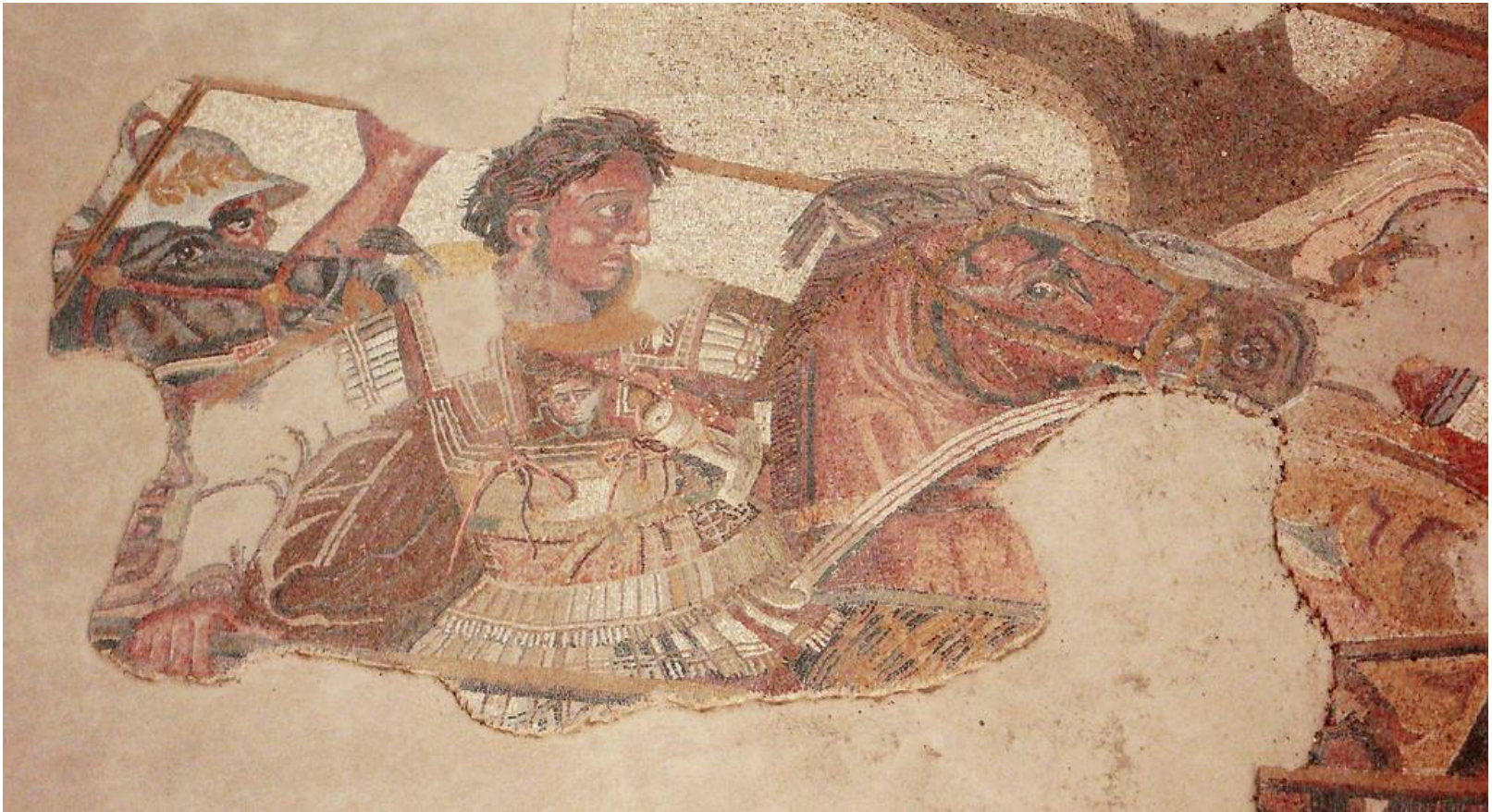


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# Mosaics

Mosaic floors were a statement of how wealthy and important you were. Poor people would not be able to afford them. The bigger and more detailed the mosaic, the more impressive.



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# Mosaics

The mosaic would decorate the floor of the main room. These were stuck to the floor with mortar, a type of cement.



Each mosaic  
used thousands  
of pieces to  
make a pattern.



# Mosaics

Some mosaics had pieces cut down to 1-2mm for very intricate patterns. This is the Alexander mosaic that you can still see today in Pompeii, Italy.

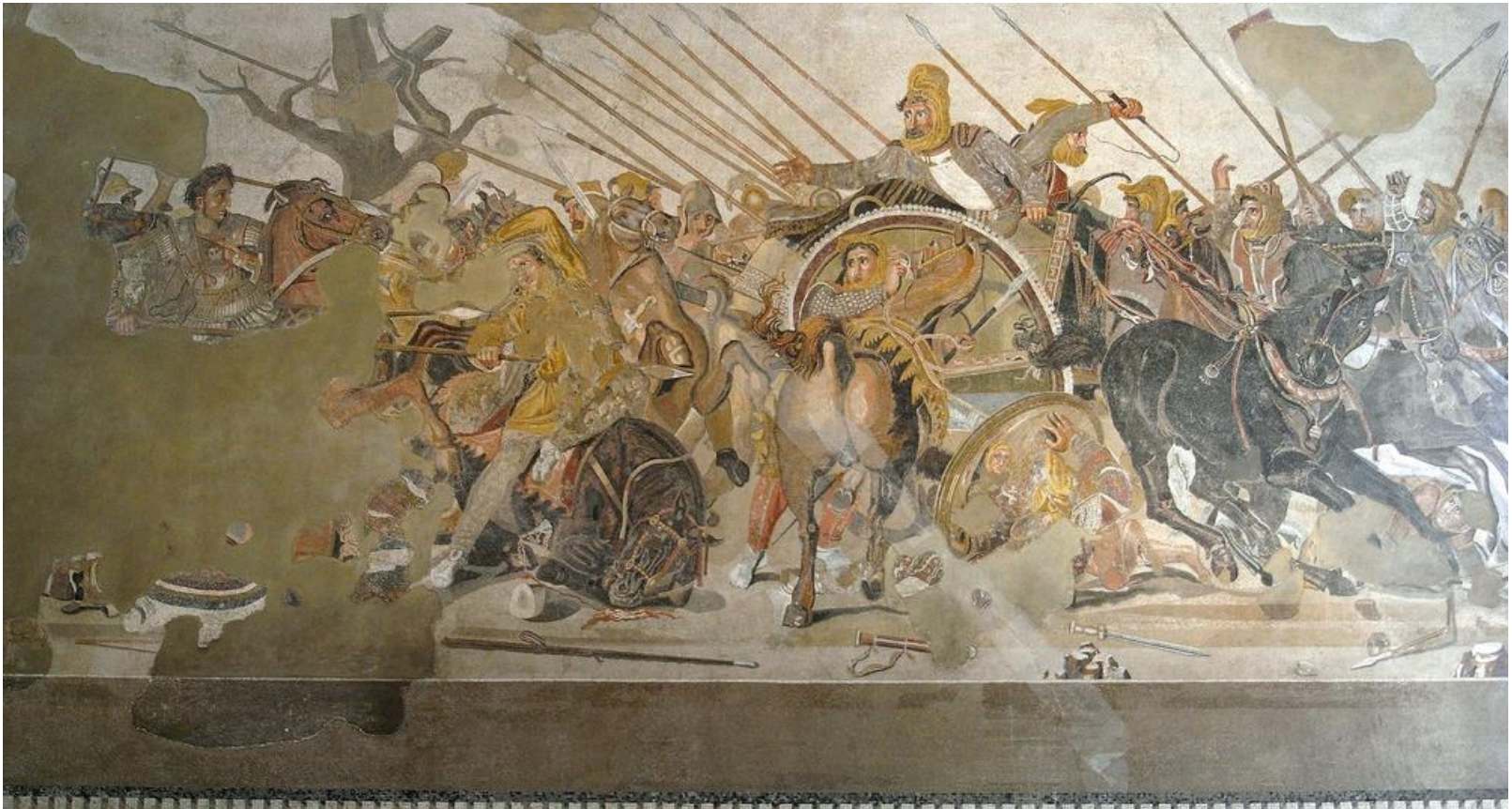
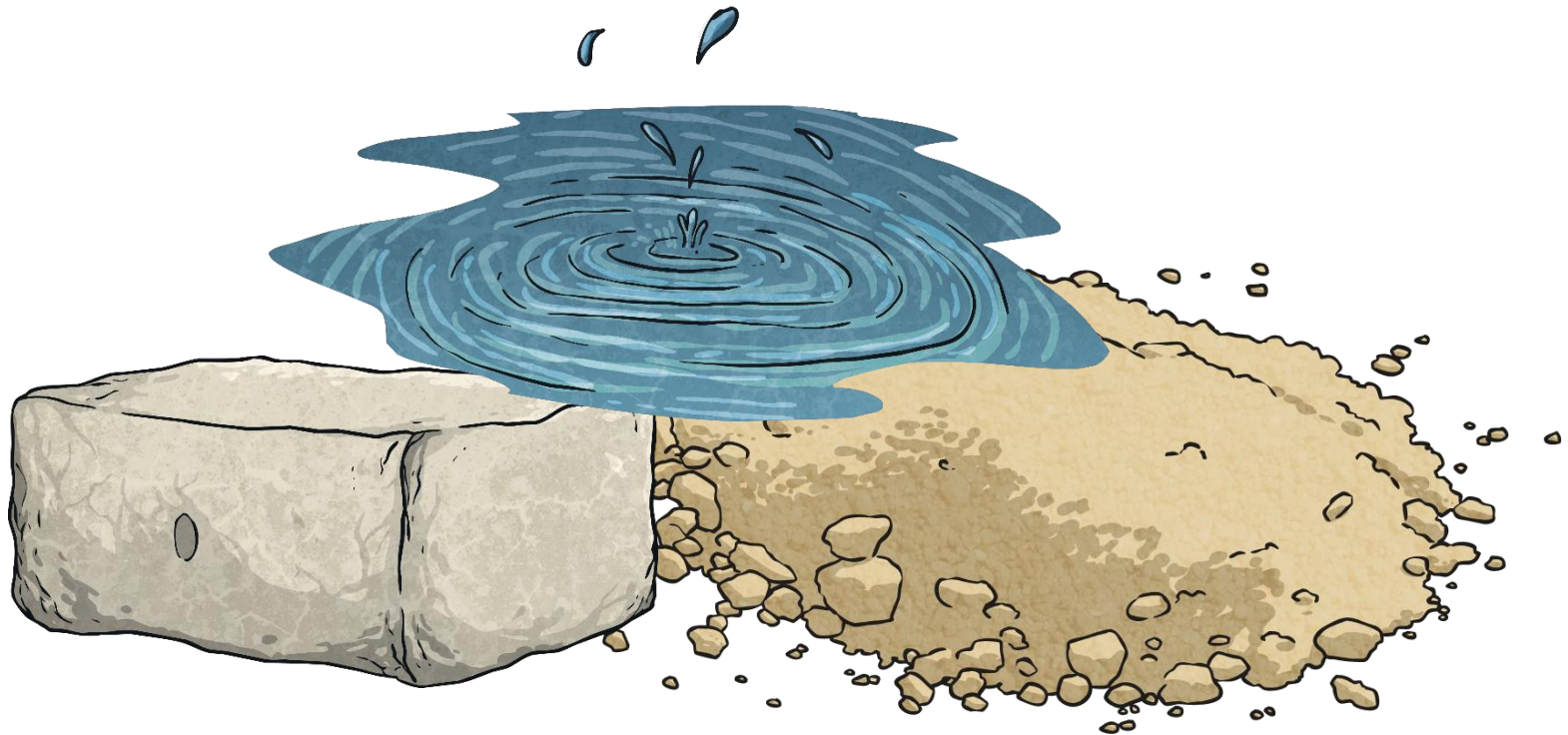


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# Mosaics

You can probably imagine that a floor made from thousands of tiny stones would not be comfortable to walk on, but this wasn't a problem when you had slaves to work hard for you. The slaves would have to use hard stones, sand and water to grind the stones down so they were smooth to walk on.





# Mosaic Examples



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