

The deadly eruption

Many Pompeii citizens were killed by Mount Vesuvius, when it erupted! People got buried by the burning hot ash and the molten lava because it settled at nine meters deep and they couldn't escape. The ash travelled at four hundred miles an hour and spread as far as forty eight km away, which is a very vast distance.

How it started

It all started out with lava just falling out of the volcano. Then, eighteen hours later at 2 am Mount Vesuvius exploded loudly and the first column was destroyed. Two hours later, another column was destroyed then all the columns were demolished by the force of the explosions.

Eruption details

The eruption was in the shape of a pine stone tree and it went up 14

km high. Dogs and other animals as well as people were also killed by

The ash and poisonous gas. Rocks were also falling down like heavy rain on the people and animals killing them.

What the effects were

Thousands of people died from the gas and dust, the volcano erupted for two whole days. Many years later dried bodies were found untouched covered in dust. They were found in family groups as well as single bodies. They were preserved where they dropped and were found in the exact same position where they fell.

