

# MASSIVE EXPLOSION

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On a day that started like any other, Mount Vesuvius erupted on Pompeii. It came up to nine meters. People mistook it for an earthquake. It killed thousands of people and animals because the smoke and ash went all over Pompeii and other places nearby.

On the 24th of August 79AD began like any other day in Pompeii, but then the ground started to shiver like a boy in the snow. Then the sky turned from light to dark. While it was dark the townsfolk started to pack their clothes and belongings just in case. When M.T Vesuvius, the gentle mountain, erupted for the first time it looked like the lovely pine stone tree.

People of Pompeii thought it was an earthquake because the ground was shaking like a boy that's very cold. The sky turned from light to dark. While it was dark the citizens went to pack their clothes and belongings.

There were clouds of black ash, gas and smoke. Many raised their hands to the Gods praying to be saved, others shouted that we had angered the Gods.

It rained down ash and also smoke from the top of the mountain. It killed over 1,000 people and animals whilst it buried the people and animal. The ground was shaking for many days but it was a common thing and they did not panic.

That day the shaking got stronger and stronger. When the day began all of the buildings were falling down. They decided to leave town but the number of people leaving

were so big that it slowed them down in Pompeii.

How many people/animals died? What time did the eruption stop? Did some people escape? How many boats did they have? How many days did the eruption take?

