



## A Day in the Life of Scipio and Archie

Life was pretty different growing up in Christchurch in 1890, but it was even more different growing up in Ancient Rome! Step back in time and relive a day in the lives of two nine-year-old boys, Scipio and Archie, as they take us through their daily routines and favourite things to do.

Scipio and Archie lived worlds apart, but some of the similarities between everyday life for ancient Roman children and colonial Kiwi children might surprise you! As you watch the video about Scipio and Archie's daily lives here [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLMF1H1BE68>], think about the questions in the activity. You might discover that no matter when people have lived in history, there are aspects of life as a child that never change.





**Activity questions:**

- 1) Take a look at the timeline near the start of the video (**1:07**). About how many years apart did Scipio and Archie live?

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- 2) What are up to five activities that Scipio and Archie share during their daily routine?

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- 3) Did you learn any ancient Latin words while learning about Roman life with Scipio? Provide two words and give their meaning. Use Scipio's glossary at **24:04** if you need some help.

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- 4) What's something that Archie has to do as a child in 1890 that you're pleased you don't have to do in 2020?

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- 5) If you could go back in time, would you rather visit Scipio in ancient Rome or Archie in Christchurch – and why?

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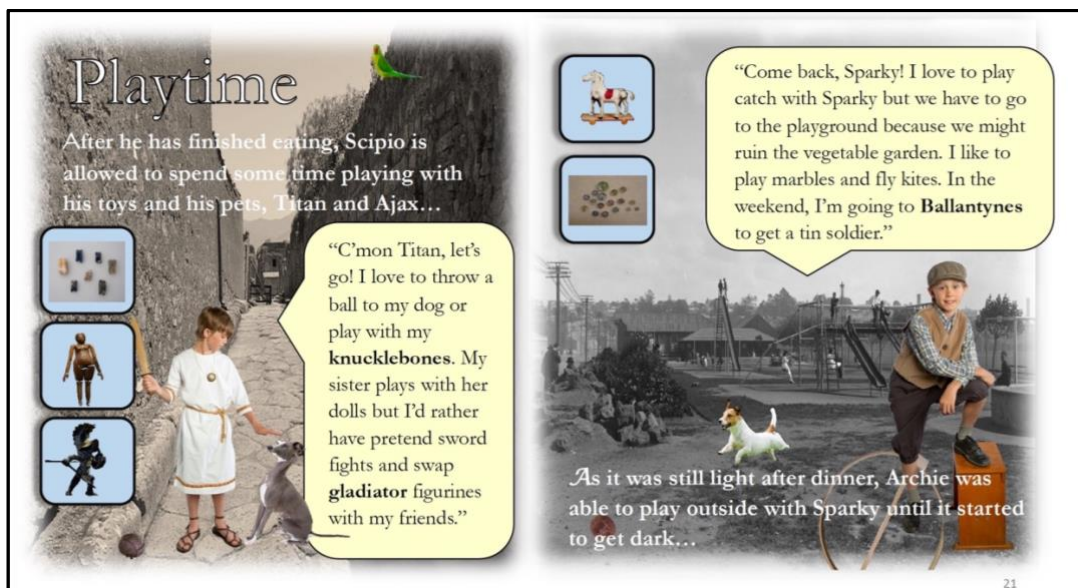


### Extra activity:

Gather up ten essential items that you use every day. These can be things from your bedroom, kitchen, in your backyard or anywhere else at home.

Take a photo of your items and upload it to the CU portal or list these items below. Think about how your essential items are different from the things that Scipio and Archie used in their everyday lives.

Ask your parents or guardians to help you share your photo online and tag in @ChildrensUniversityCanterburyPartnership and @teecemuseum

**Playtime**

After he has finished eating, Scipio is allowed to spend some time playing with his toys and his pets, Titan and Ajax...

“C’mon Titan, let’s go! I love to throw a ball to my dog or play with my **knucklebones**. My sister plays with her dolls but I’d rather have pretend sword fights and swap **gladiator** figurines with my friends.”

“Come back, Sparky! I love to play catch with Sparky but we have to go to the playground because we might ruin the vegetable garden. I like to play marbles and fly kites. In the weekend, I’m going to **Ballantynes** to get a tin soldier.”

As it was still light after dinner, Archie was able to play outside with Sparky until it started to get dark...

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## Answers:

1. *1,840 years*
2. *Get dressed, eat breakfast, go to school, bath time, eat dinner, play time, prayer time, bedtime*