Literature

Component 2 (30%)

Recalling our learning - what was life like for Romans in the countryside?	

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	Large country villas - lots of land to build
	Hunting livestock and riding horses
	Farming and ploughing crops
	Growing vineyards and making wine
	Rearing livestock

Lesson 5:

What was life like for Romans in the countryside?

Year 10 Latin

LO: to learn about Roman life in the countryside

Tuesday 26th September 2023



A grand country villa,
with symmetrical
wings and a formal
garden in front. A
painting in Pompeii.

Component 2: Literature (30%) roadmap to 2025

Candidates are expected to be familiar with the following aspects of the theme:

- traditional peasant farming;
- country villas;
- hunting.

Candidates should also study the following pictures, one or more of which will be used as a basis for questions in each question paper.

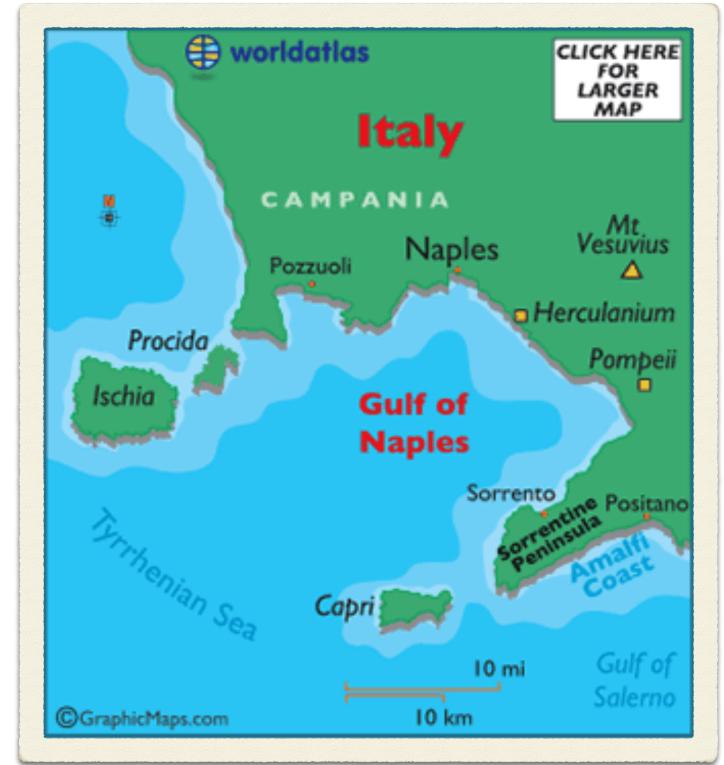
Country villas

Many wealthy Romans, owned both a town house in Rome and at least one villa in the country. There they could escape from the noise and heat of the city, especially during the unhealthy months of late summer, and relax from the pressures of private business and public duties.

Country villas

Some of these country houses were fairly close to Rome; their owners could get a day's work done in the city and then travel out to their villa before nightfall. The villas were generally either on the coast, like Pliny's villa at Laurentum, or on the hills around Rome





Other country villas were further afield. A popular area was Campania; the coastline of the bay of Naples was dotted with the villas of wealthy men

Country villas naturally varied in design, but they usually contained some or all of the following features: a series of dining and reception rooms for entertaining guests, often with extensive views of the surrounding countryside; a set of baths, heated by hypocausts, containing the full range of apodyterium, tepidarium, caldarium and frigidarium; long colonnades where the owner and his friends might walk, or even ride, sheltered from the rain or from the direct heat of the sun; and extensive parkland, farmland or gardens, preferably with plenty of shade and running water. In a corner of the estate there might be a small shrine, dedicated to the protecting gods.

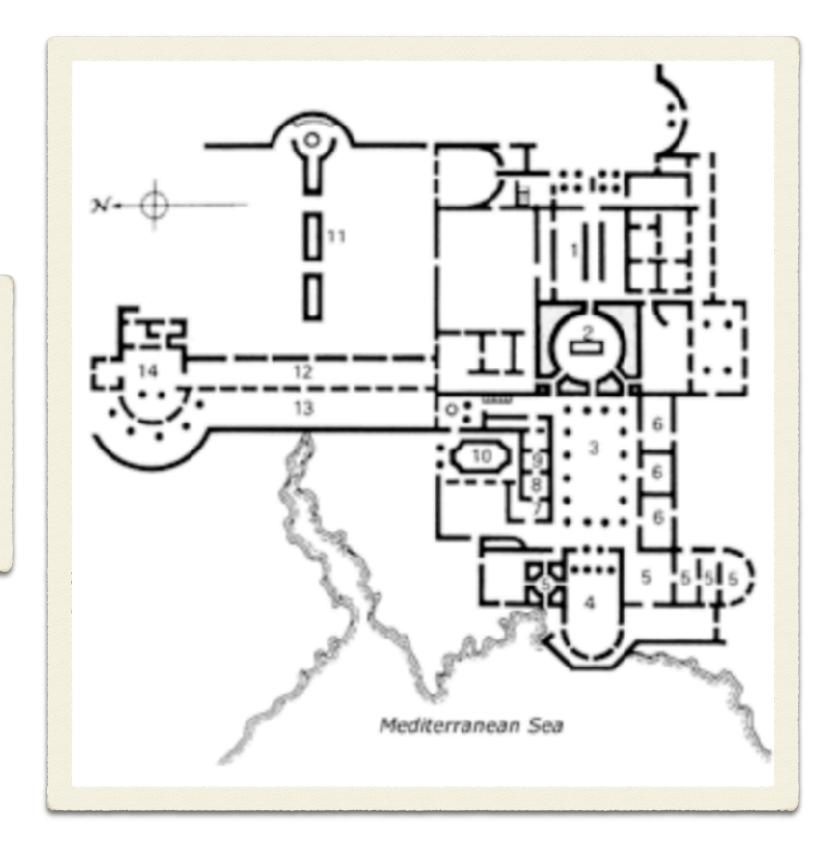
Using the information, what were the typical features of a country villa?	

Pliny the Younger's villa

Among the villa's special features were the heated swimming pool (10), the big semi-circular recess at the end of the chief dining-room (4), designed to provide the dinner guests with an impressive panorama of the sea, and the covered colonnade (12) leading to Pliny's private suite (14).

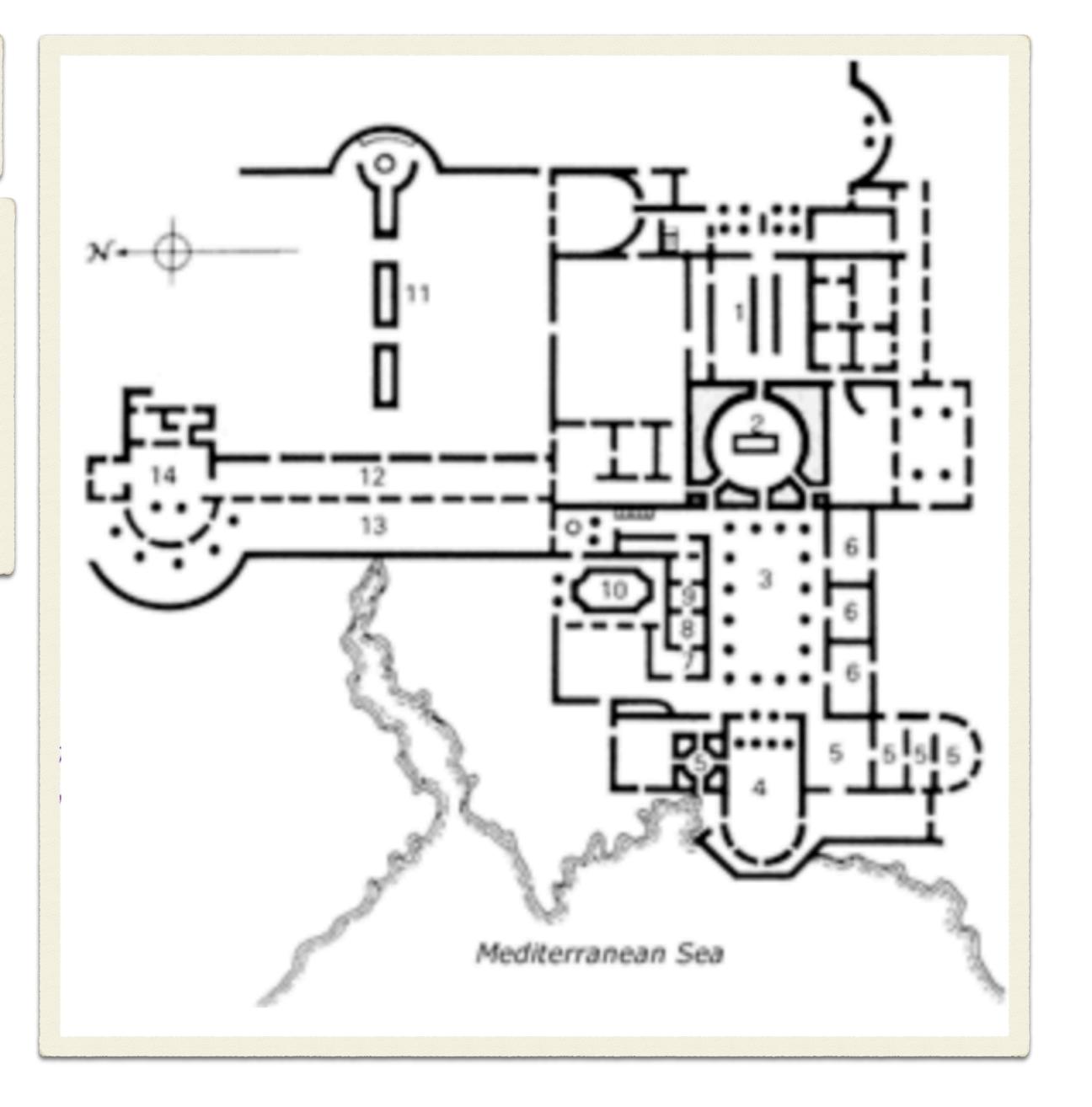


Pliny's villa at Laurentum



Pliny's villa at Laurentum

atrium
 coutryard
 inner courtyard
 dining room
 bedrooms
 slaves' rooms
 apodyterium
 caldarium
 heated swimming pool
 ornamental garden with vine pergola
 covered colonnade
 slaves' rooms
 terrace
 tepidarium
 Pliny's private suite





Country pursuits

What country activities can you find in this picture?

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