

Reasons in favour of evacuating Pompeii	Reasons against evacuating Pompeii

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Bay of Naples

Pompeii

Senator Maximus

XIII August 81 AD

XV Emperor Nero Drive

Rome

Dear Senator Maximus,

I am writing with the intention of persuading you to make the crucial decision to evacuate the city of Pompeii and all its noble residents once and for all. I present to you my arguments which I am sure will persuade you to do the right thing.

Firstly, I implore you to evacuate our city for the sake of its noble citizens. Ever since the devastating eruption of AD79, the people of Pompeii have lived in fear. Many people dare not let their family, children and loved ones out of their sight in fear of another catastrophic eruption. Do you want us to live in fear? Do you want us unable to leave the house? Please do the right thing and call the evacuation of Pompeii.

Furthermore, I am asking you to evacuate our city for the safety of future generations. Let them rebuild their lives in a city out of the terrifying shadow of the destructive mountain. We can build new homes that won't be destroyed by boiled-hot lava. We can find new jobs and livelihoods without being fearful they will be destroyed.

In summary, I hope you use your power for the good of the people. I beg of you to listen to my calls for the safety and lives of our great city's residents and future generations.

Yours sincerely,

Claudius

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Firstly, I implore you to resist calls to evacuate our brave and noble city. Our residents have withstood the power of Vesuvius many times in our history and we have lived to tell the tale. We have rebuilt our city from ash and we will do it again if we need to. Ever since the eruption of AD 79, our brave residents have rebuilt our homes, our business and our lives. Why should we be denied the opportunity to do that again?

Furthermore, I am asking you not to take away our history and legacy. Pompeii is our home and has been for many generations. Why do you want to take that away from us? My father was born here, and his father before him, and his father before him and so on for hundreds of years. I intend to raise my children here and continue my family legacy in the proud streets of Pompeii.

In addition, I know I speak for myself and all the town's business people, blacksmiths, fishermen and women and say that our business and jobs are here and we intend to keep them here. The ground is rich for growing and the sparkling bay of Naples full of rich catches. We have built our business here and made our money for family in this beautiful part of our country. Why should I be forced to move to a city where there is no work for me?

Additionally, this part of our beautiful country is tranquil with lots of land. I do not want to move to a busy city and live in filth in your precious Rome.

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