



ROMAN MUSIC

A informative Flipchart Pack about Roman M

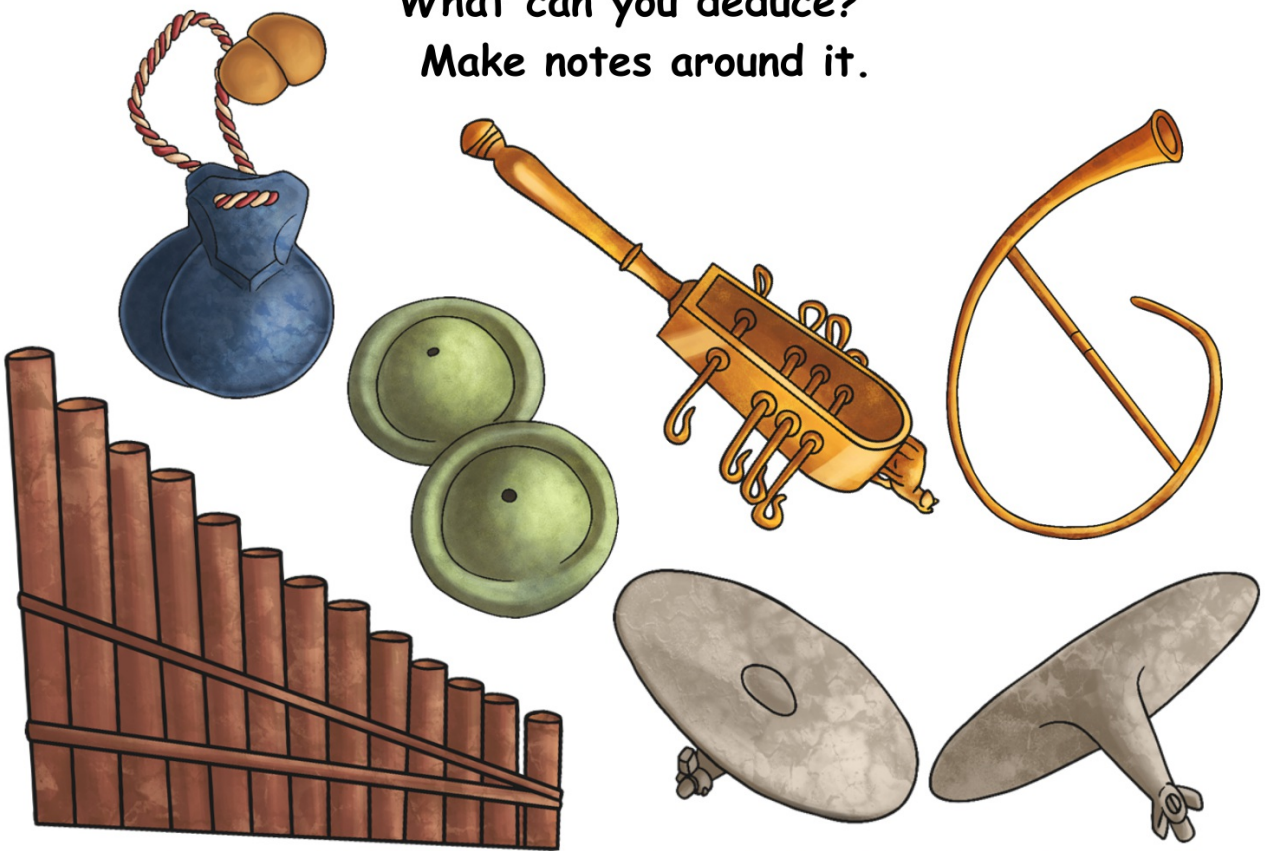


LO: to find out what we know about music in Roman times

Success Criteria:

- describe some instruments used in Roman times
- explain how we know about Roman music
- give examples of when music was played in Roman times

Look carefully at the picture you have been given.
What can you deduce?
Make notes around it.



How do we know that Romans enjoyed music?

What clues do we have?



This mosaic shows instruments being played.



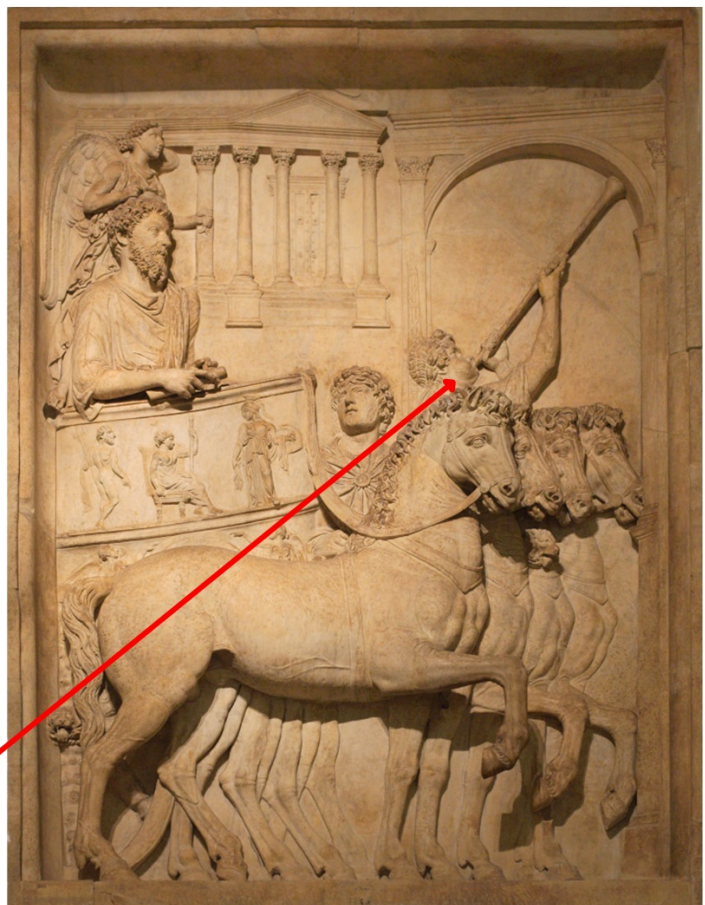


When would music be played?

Music was a part of Roman culture and happened at most social occasions. Musicians would play at arenas to accompany games and other events. It was also part of early theatre. Music was customary at funerals and other religious ceremonies.

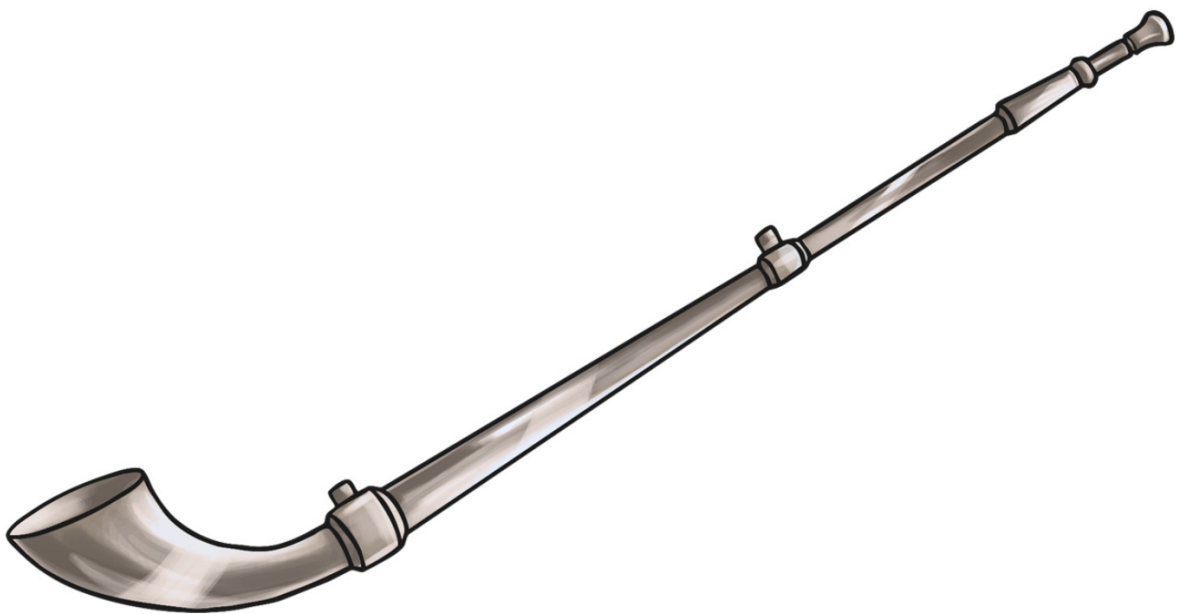
Examples of Roman art show various wind, stringed and percussion instruments.

This relief shows a member of the wind family. It is a brass instrument, the **Roman tuba**.



Instruments called tubas (nothing like tubas today) were used by the military. The **Roman tuba** was a long, straight bronze trumpet with a detachable, conical mouthpiece like you can see on a modern trumpet.

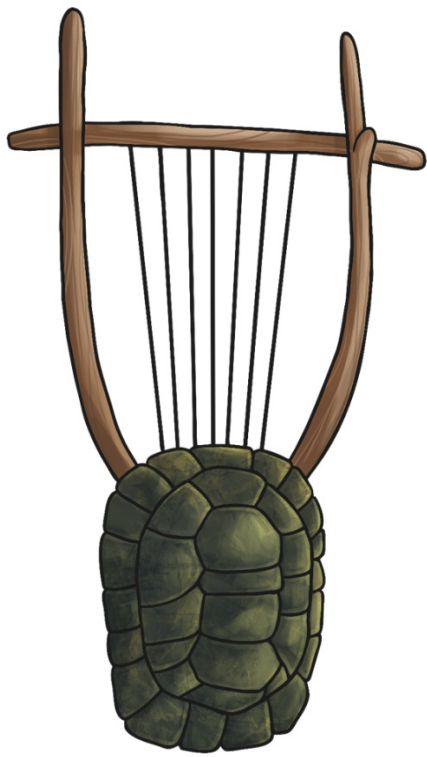
It had no valves. Examples have been found that are about 1.3 metres long





In this Roman statue the God Apollo playing a stringed instrument called a **lyre**.

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The **lyre** was like a simple harp.
It had a frame of wood or tortoise shell and
various numbers of strings stretched across it.
To play it you would cradle it in one arm and pluck
the strings with the other hand.



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The man on the right in this relief is playing a **tympanum**.



The **tympanum** was a hand drum similar to a round frame drum or tambourine today.

It was circular, shallow, and to play it you would hold it in one hand and beat it with the other.