



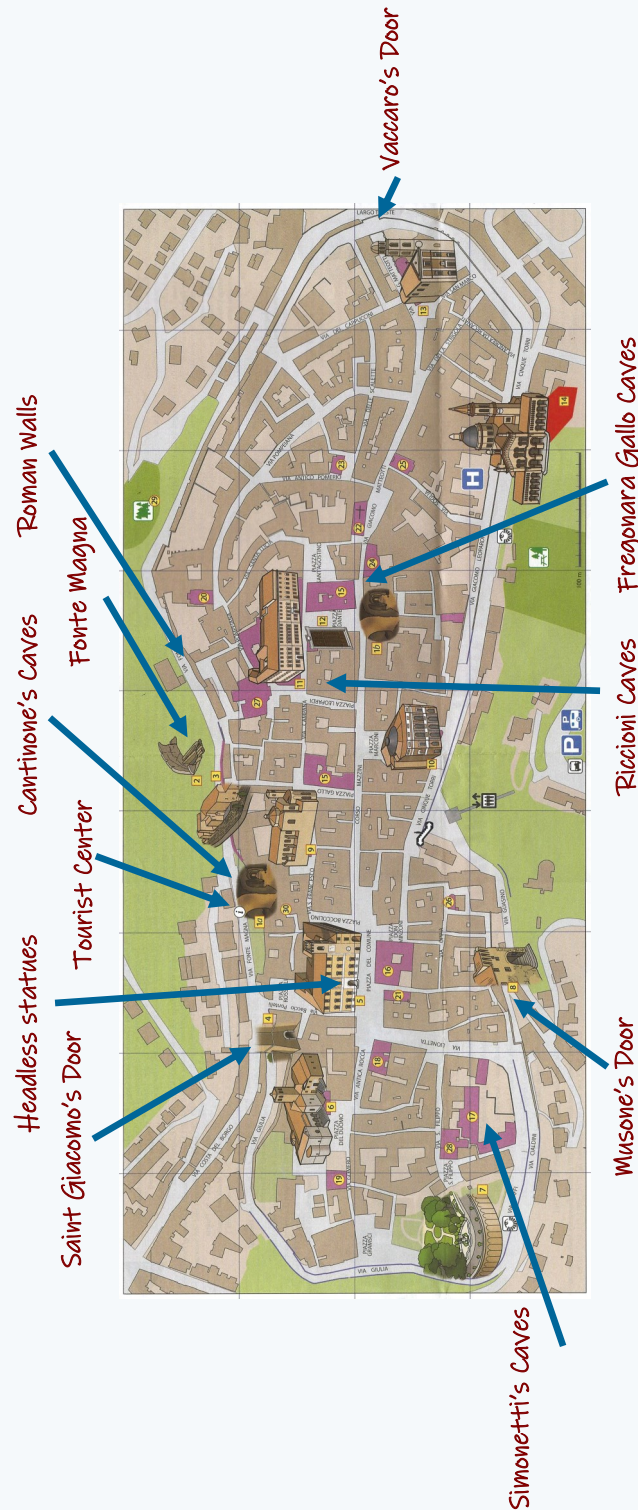
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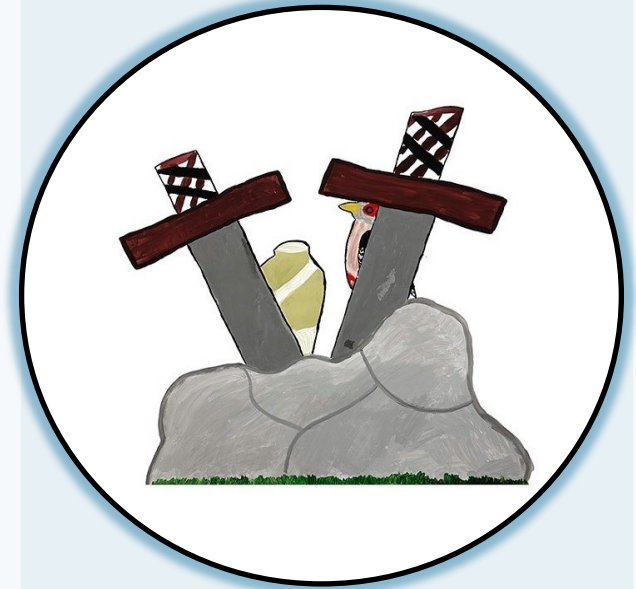
*We hope you enjoy our town!*

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Welcome to our  
town...  
**Vetus Auximum!**



*'Auximum in Snatches'*

*PON 2019*

*5th grade students*

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## Vetus Auximum

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We are known as the 'headless' because of the 12 Roman statues that stand inside the atrium of the Town Hall.



*The 'headless' statues in the Town Hall*

In the atrium you will also find an epigraph dedicated to Gneo Pompeo Magno who had 3 legions here in 83 b.c.

## The Underground Caves

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Underneath the city lies a hidden treasure! The **Cantinone's** caves stretch for about 300 mts under the city market and Sanctuary of St. Joseph of Cupertino. The wall sculptures are mostly religious in nature and express the presence of rituals.

The caves under the **Fregonara Gallo** building are on two different levels. They are full of esoteric symbols linked between the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The caves under the **Simonetti** building are very unique. The wall sculpture of the symbol the 'threefold belt' is probably the best preserved in Italy.



*Threefold belt*

The **Riccioni** caves are very interesting and well preserved. Here there are also symbols connected to the Templars.

## The Roman Walls

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These are the Roman walls surrounding the historic center. They are the most extensive and best conserved in the Marche region.



They were made from sandstone blocks in approximately 174 b.C. Originally, there were about 2 km of city walls but today there remains only 200 meters of wall.

## Fonte Magna

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Right below the Roman walls, you will find, surrounded by green moss and ferns, Fonte Magna. It is a Roman nymphaeum and fresh water spring dating from the first century b.C.

It is said that Gneo Pompeo Magno's horses drank there during the recruiting of soldiers during the civil war.



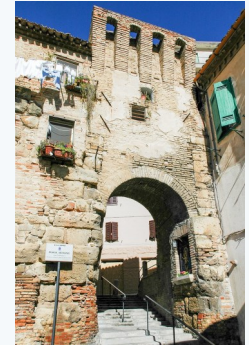
*Fonte Magna*

## The Ancient Doors of Osimo

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There are 3 main doors to the city: Musone's Door, Saint Giacomo's Door and Vaccaro's Door.

**Musone's Door** is a roman door at the south of the ancient city walls. It is the only one that has maintained its original characteristics.



*Musone's Door*



*Saint Giacomo's Door*

**Saint Giacomo's Door** is the northern entrance of the city. It was a Roman door where one could enter or exit in the direction of Ancona or northern Italy.

**Vaccaro's Door** is situated at the East of the city. It is also called the 'Three Arches Door' since 1937 when it was extended from one to three arches.

Today it is considered the main entrance to the city and above the arches hangs the emblem of Osimo.



*Vaccaro's Door*