



# ·SEPT·2025·

## ·ANCIENT·ROME·

## ·ANSWER·SHEET·



Try out the new  
Interactive Code Sheet!

### Tonight

- We're here to help! This is not a competitive event. Ask the Game Control volunteers (GC) for hints as often as you'd like. The goal is to have fun, not to be frustrated!

### The Puzzles

- Each puzzle's solution is a short name(!) or phrase. How do you find it? That's for you to discover!
- Need a code sheet or solving resources? Check out the Resources page on Puzzled Pint's webpage: <http://www.puzzledpint.com/resources/>
- You can use anything to help solve: Use your phone: the internet is fair game! Think your brother might have an insight? Give him a call!
- While each month has a theme, you need no special knowledge of the theme to solve the puzzles.

### About Puzzled Pint

- We're an all-volunteer organization.
  - Help us run locally: Talk with Game Control about how you can volunteer.
  - Help us run globally: <https://www.patreon.com/PuzzledPint>

We are always looking for puzzle sets for future months! Check out how you can write puzzle for Puzzled Pint by going here: <https://puzzledpint.com/volunteering/write-puzzles/>

Donate and get an  
additional themed  
puzzle each month:



Become a GC and/or  
write a puzzle set for  
a future month:



Team Name:

Start Time:

Team Size:

End Time:

| Puzzle Answers   |  |
|--|--|
| The Chariot Race   |  |
| The Map  |  |
| The Emperors   |  |
| The Forica   |  |
| Checkpoint! Have GC verify your answers to receive the Meta and Bonus puzzles. |  |
| Meta: The Pantheon   |  |
| Bonus: The Gladiators  |  |

How did tonight go? Email [feedback@puzzledpint.com](mailto:feedback@puzzledpint.com).

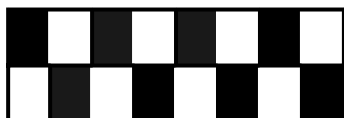
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## •THE• •CHARIOT•RACE•



### START LINE

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U A B E F B L B  
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L T I P D C U O  
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A B S L L E O A  
P L D J S C R E  
A R A N H W L G  
T U D O G R I E  
E Y E A W E D T



Chariot racing was one of the most popular sports in Ancient Rome. The races were traditionally run in the late afternoon, so racers of the various **color** teams often wore very stylish **shades** to keep the sunlight out of their eyes. Even still, their paths were often quite erratic.

The race we're observing today features chariot drivers divided into five teams: **blue, green, red, white and yellow**. Because racers were forced into such close quarters, path **crossovers** were not uncommon.

Blue:

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Green:

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Red:

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White:

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Yellow:

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Whoa, looks like we're heading for a photo finish! Too bad there won't be any photographers around for another few thousand years. No one can tell who wins the race!

In the end, who will decide who takes home the grand prize?



They say that **all roads lead to Rome**. And for suburban Romans, **some roads led through Rome, too**. That might be helpful for them if they knew where the roads were! It seems that you'll have to redraw them, boggle-style. (This means **the roads can turn horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, but don't double back on themselves.**)

Where did suburban Romans meet when carpooling into central Rome together – and what was the only thing that could stop them from entering the city?

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| Y | R | D | B   | N | C | A |
| T | N | I | A   | O | O | P |
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Closest major galaxy to ours (9)  
 Devices for measuring air pressure (10)  
 Alternative to a Microsoft laptop (10)  
 Bactrian ÷ 2? (9)

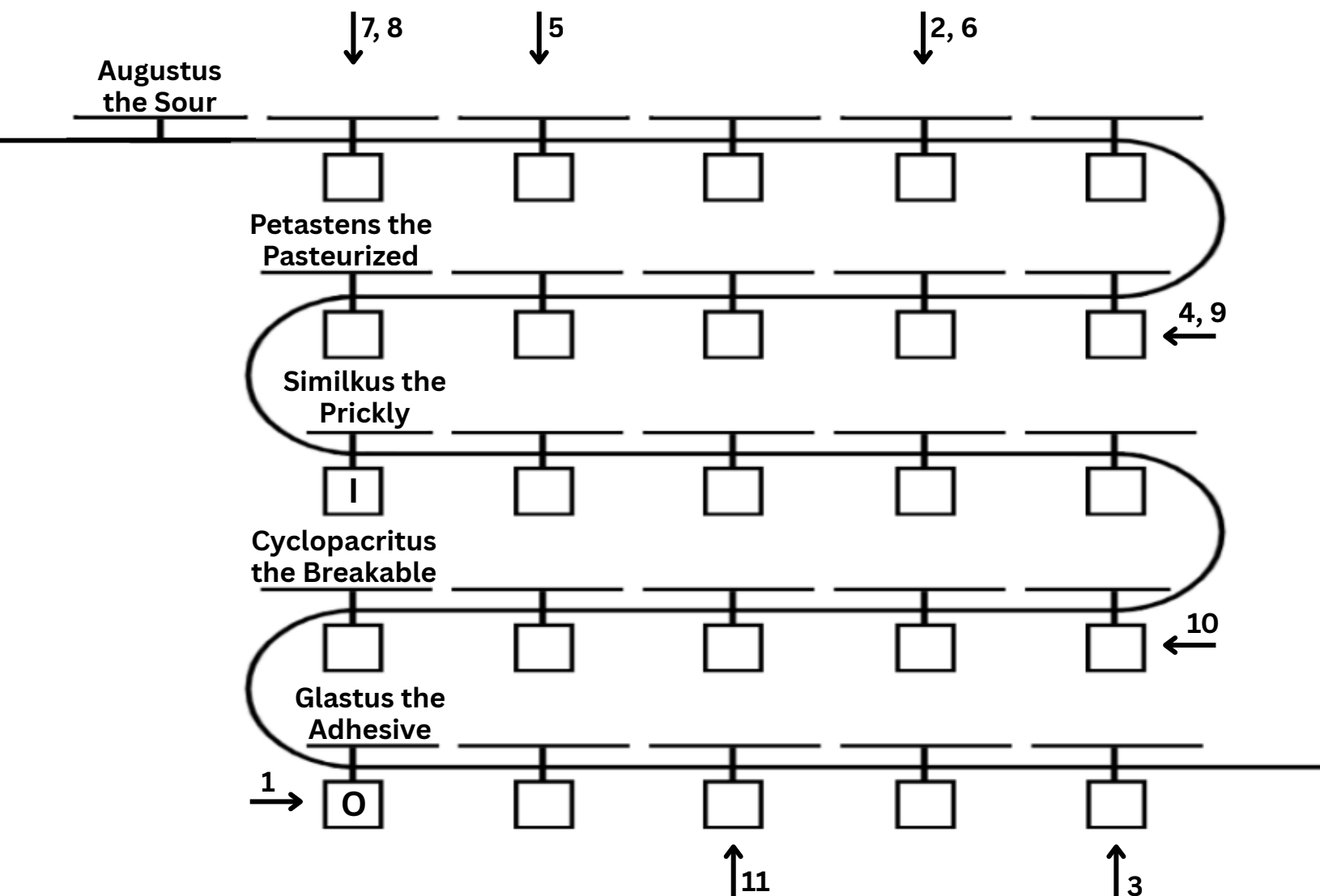
“Geese, e.g.” e.g. (10)  
 Seaside walkway (9)  
 Fire thief in mythology (10)  
 Imposter follower (8)



## ·THE·EMPERORS·

To decide who would be the new emperor, it was important to find someone who **exhibited the current emperor's own characteristics**. Sometimes these similarities were hard to find, but they were always either on the inside (I) or the outside (O).

Aside from being great innovators & strategists, what else should ancient Romans be remembered as?



- Capectus the Lustrous
- Fornod the Almighty
- Umbirda the Tusked
- Chaxios the Gustatory
- Legremon the Carbonated
- Gorgidem the Edible
- Quigluellus the Exemplary

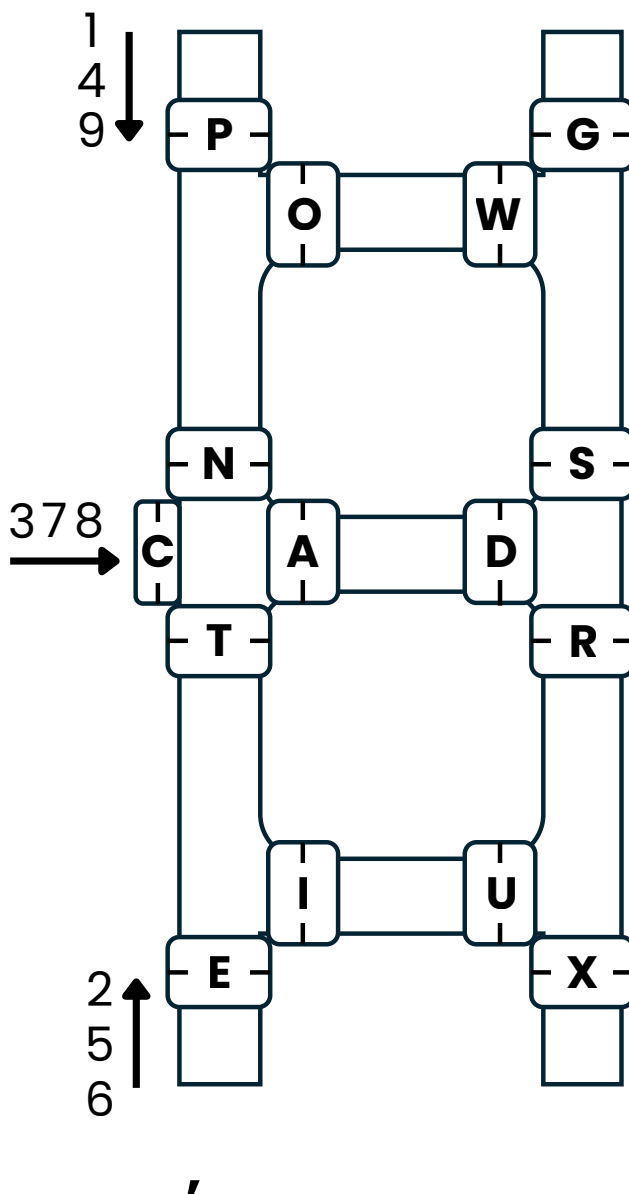
- Sorphida the Feathered
- Extiquira the Fabric-eater
- Ulieus the One-eyed
- Oceptian the Untrue
- Stequiar the Conclusive
- Hispongeo the Valiant
- Theodorus the Many-headed

- Waldorus the Stinky
- Herphellio the Marine
- Nedodolus the Twinkling
- Timothus the Utterly Disorganized
- Iphigodus the Absorbent
- Flimodela the Extinct
- Hypodra the Superfluous



It's time to take a trip to the forica! These public restrooms were built atop a sewage system, where **water** (and whatever's in the water) **passes through** a series of pipes before going to a large, **open** chamber. Romans used letters to differentiate the **valves** on these pipes, and used groups of pictures to remind them which valves needed to be opened.

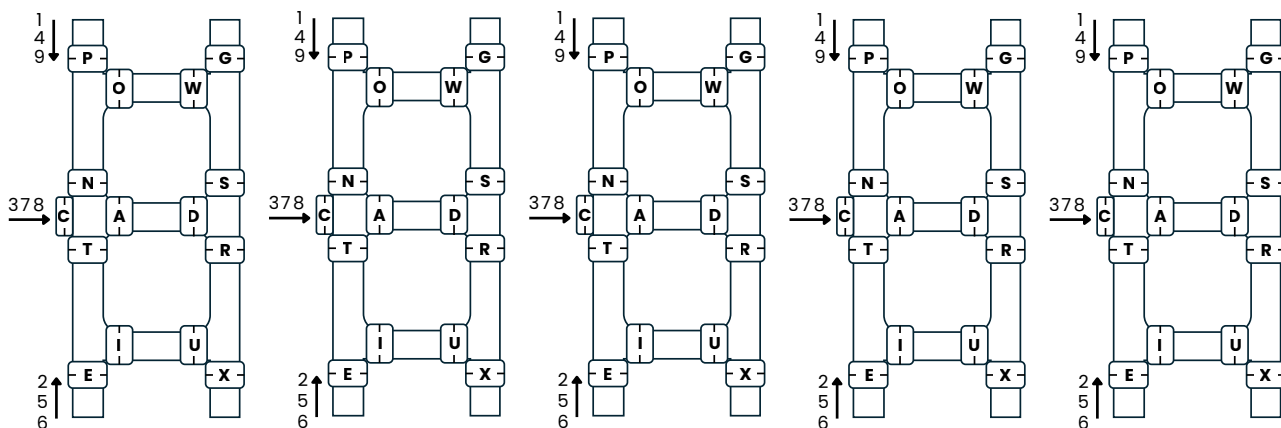
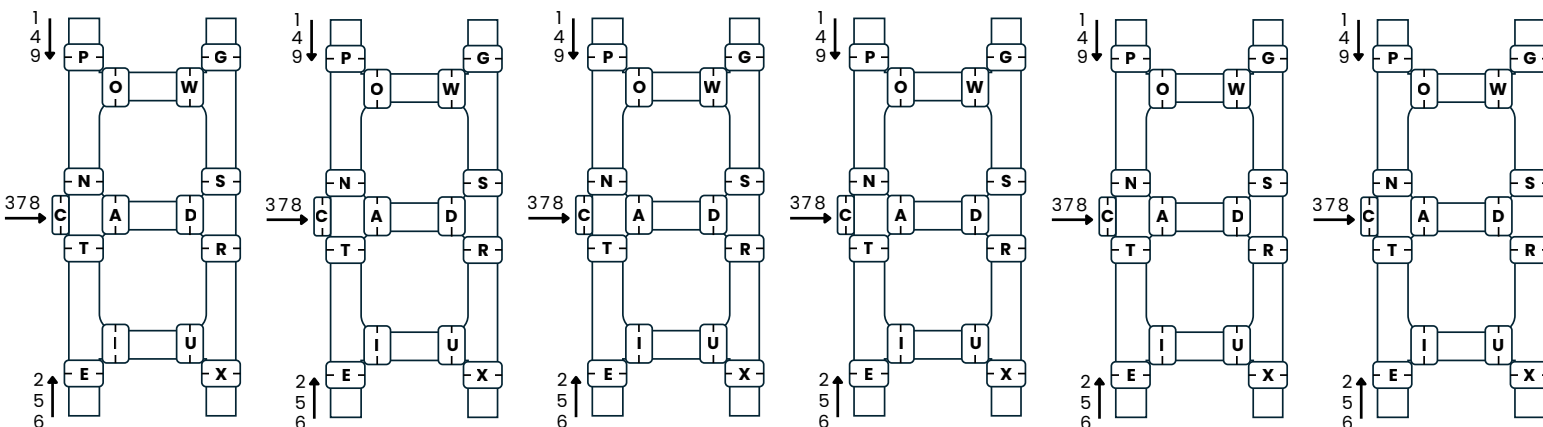
What led the Romans to build so many foricae?



6 5 4 9 2 7 3 8 5 1 1



(This page is just for you to scribble on. It may help you keep track of your work, but you might not need it. Use it if you find it helpful!)



# •THE• •PANTHEON•



## *A short history*

In ancient times, the Pantheon was the place where elites came to worship their many gods. Statues of various Roman deities lined the Pantheon's rotunda. Years later, when it was about half a millennium old, Pope Boniface IV had it turned into a Catholic church. In the eyes of the pope, this increased the Pantheon's value, so it'd have enough funding for repairs & general upkeep (it helped when the Roman gods' tag-lines got separated from their nameplates).

Even all these years later, you can still find a few gods lurking if you know what to look for. What ancient font is used for pantheon inscriptions?

"People tell me I blow hot and cold, but I think I'm the **breezy** type."

"I'm a **fighter**, not a lover."

"**Fertile** soil, **fertile** people. That's my aim, that's my game."

"I'm the **queen** - y'all better recognize."



Pictured here is the bracket for this month's gladiator tournament, and it's your job to i-identify the winner for each match. Many gladiators came from the bottom of the social hierarchy, but they could earn value from the games by defeating their opponents. One thing to **flag** to those who aren't aware: While many people nowadays v-hemently believe that gladiator fights were always a death match, not all defeated contestants were killed. That would be x-cessively violent. So really, these fights were all fun and games, right?