

in Herculaneum (about 2,000 papyruses, or ancient books, had been preserved in it). Even frescoes* and mosaics (pictures made of small pieces of colored stone) survived. They depicted buildings, gardens, meals, and portraits of people.

In the images, the women wear draped-waist dresses and men wear long robes called togas. Some people are resting in their **atria** (the courtyards inside their houses). Others are watching gladiators fight in an amphitheater or reclining as they feast with their friends. Their farms were guarded by four-legged friends. A mosaic with the following inscription was found in front of the door of one of the houses: "Beware of the dog."

