

Let's imagine: Hercules figurine

Each week the Museum is going to publish a 'Let's Imagine' activity sheet. This activity sheet will include a picture of an object in the Museum. It will tell you about the object and then it will be up to you to imagine a story, poem and/or picture inspired by this object. The sheet will include at least three questions or statements to help get you started and inspired.

This week's object is a **Hercules figurine** that can be found in the museum's permanent exhibition. Read the information in blue below to find out more about this figurine.



Imagine you are need to describe the figurine to a friend. What do you say?

Find out about and draw one of the Roman gods or goddesses.

Write a story or poem about being transported back in time to Roman Britain. Imagine you are an Iron Age Briton who meets the owner of this figurine. Record your conversation about the figurine as well as Roman gods and goddesses.

This is a bronze figurine, which was found in Greece, of Hercules. Hercules was a Roman hero and the son of the head of the Roman gods, Jupiter, and a mortal called Alcmene. In myths, he is known for his strength and adventures, including the 'Twelve Labours of Hercules' which saw him undertake twelve challenges such as slaying a Hydra and capturing a Cretan Bull.

The Ancient Greeks had a similar figure called Heracles, who was the son of the head of the Greek gods Zeus, which is the equivalent of Jupiter, and a mortal. The Romans adopted Hercules for their own using information from Greek myths, art and literature. Most of the stories about Hercules feats and adventures are similar in both Ancient Greek and Roman myths, but there are some differences.