

# DRAW YOURSELF LIKE A ROMAN STATUE

Roman emperors had statues of themselves made because they wanted to show off certain things about themselves. It might be that they were a great leader or just that they had a really nice beard, but they wanted the whole Roman world to know. Since Romans didn't have photos or videos, these statues were one of the only ways that ordinary people would know what the emperor looked like.

Here's a statue of Emperor Augustus. It's called the Prima Porta statue:



There are lots of things in this statue that Augustus wants us to know about him:

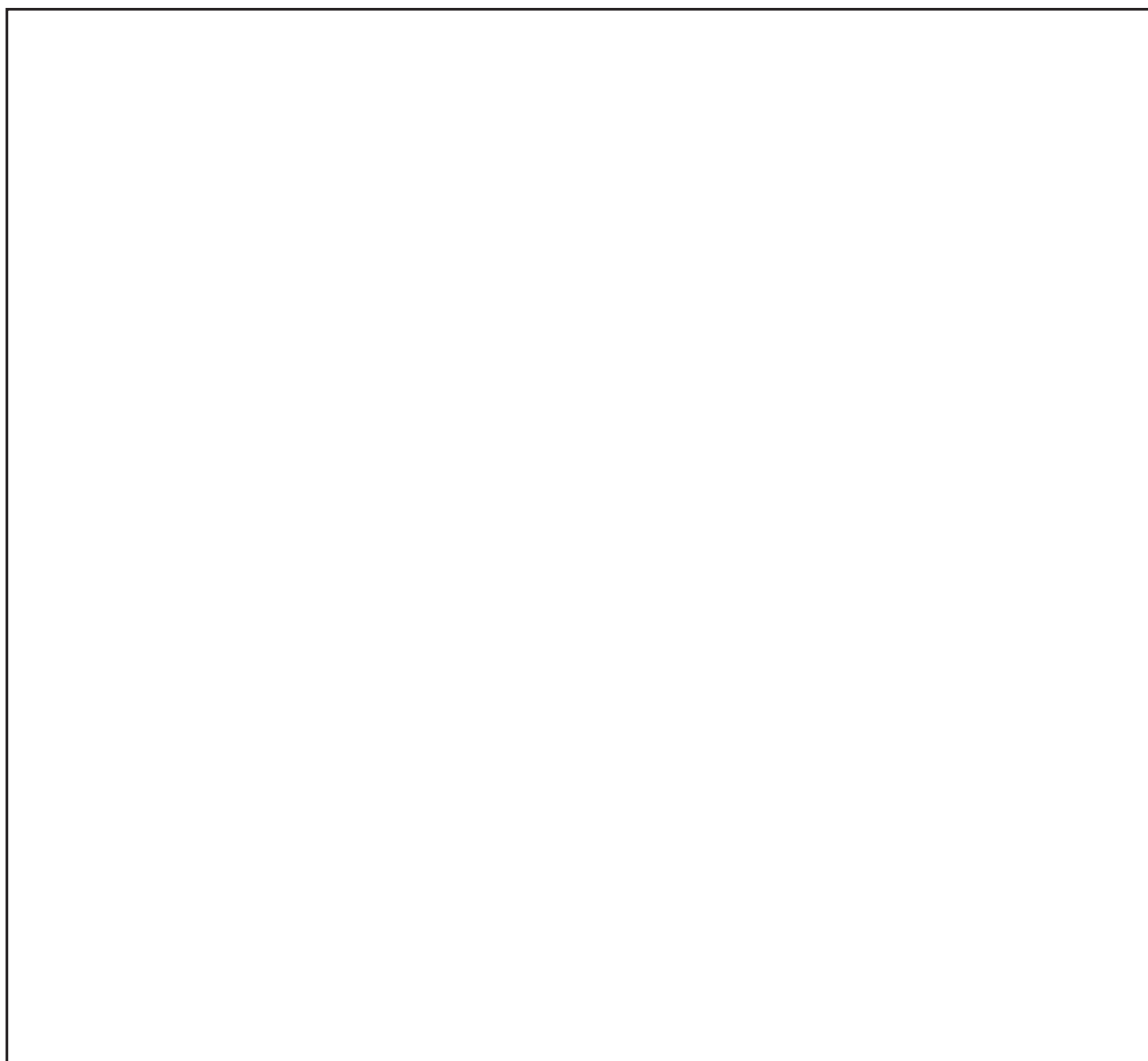
- He's wearing armour to show that he's a great military leader
- He's pointing his finger to show that he's in charge
- He's barefoot - this shows that he's related to a god, because only the gods were shown barefoot in statues
- His face is wrinkle and blemish free, to show that he's young and strong
- And lots more!

# NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

Draw yourself in the style of a Roman statue. Think about what you would like to show about yourself in your drawing. What will you wear, what will you hold in your hands, and what pose will you stand in? Here are some ideas:

- Do you play football or another sport? Draw yourself wearing your sports kit.
- Do you love writing, drawing or painting? Draw yourself holding a pen, pencil or paintbrush.
- If you love a particular game, band or sports team, you could write their name or draw their logo on your t-shirt.
- What have you done that you're really proud of? Have you won an award or competition, passed a music exam, won a sports match or done a big project at school? Draw yourself wearing your medal, holding your certificate, showing off your work or standing in a victory pose with your arms in the air and a big smile on your face

Once you have finished your drawing, don't forget to colour it in. Roman statues would originally have been painted in lots of bright colours, so make sure your drawing is really colourful too!



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