

# Roman Middlewich Teachers' Pack

## *Pieces of the past*

### Activity sheet 2

**Aim:** to look carefully at a fragment of Roman pottery and begin to make deductions about its purpose.

Take a piece of pottery (a pottery sherd).

Make a sketch of the sherd.

What size is it? How thick is it?

Write down three words that describe its texture.

What colour is it? Is it the same colour throughout? Is it discoloured? (Why might that be?)

Is there any decoration? Draw or describe this.

What part of the pot was it? (Rim, wall, lid, base, spout, handle etc.)

What is your evidence?

Would it be for the table, the kitchen or something else?

Who do you think might have used it? What makes you think this?

Have you any ideas about what the whole pot might have looked like?

What do you think was it used for? Why do you think that?