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Archaeological excavation in ancient Fregellae sheds light on the end of a cultural landscape

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Image 1

The archaeological excavation in ancient Fregellae uncovered the oldest known villa in the region.

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Image 2

Archaeobotanical analyses of seeds and plant remains provide information on the cultivation and trade of wine.

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Image 3

Destroyed storage vessels were found during the excavation work. The position of the fragments confirms the assumption of a sudden destruction and helps to reconstruct the Roman attack on the city of Fregellae.

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Image 4

During the excavation work, numerous pottery shards came to light, which were only deposited there many years after the destruction of the city. A sign that the original ownership and production conditions had changed permanently.

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