WHAT CAN 934 ROMAN COINS TELL US ABOUT LIFE IN THE EMPIRE?

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

An amateur archaeologist using a metal detector found several Roman silver coins in a field near Wesseling, Germany. When the detector kept signalling, experts excavated the area and uncovered 934 coins weighing more than three kilograms. The hoard was probably buried during the second century AD, when the region was controlled by Rome. Experts estimate that collecting this much money could have taken an ordinary Roman legionary about six years of saving.

WHY IS THIS INTERESTING?

The discovery gives students a vivid way to explore Roman money, soldiers, trade and daily life. It also shows how historians use objects and written evidence together. Comparing the hoard with a legionary's pay helps students think about wealth and inequality inside the Roman Empire.

THINK LIKE A HISTORIAN

"Who might have buried the coins, and why were they never collected?"

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