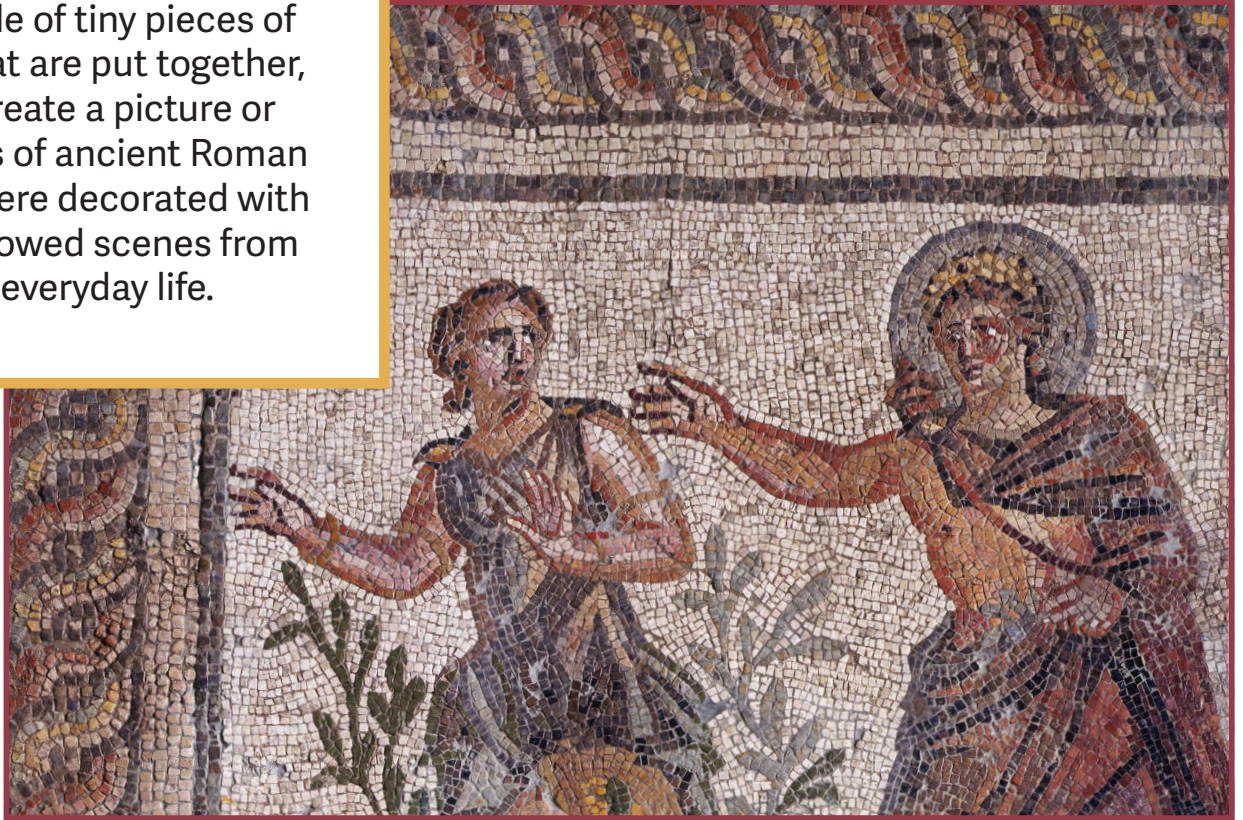


Roman Mosaics

A **mosaic** is made of tiny pieces of stone or glass that are put together, like a puzzle, to create a picture or design. The floors of ancient Roman buildings often were decorated with mosaics. They showed scenes from stories as well as everyday life.

Roman, Turkey, Antioch on the Orontes, *Mosaic pavement from Antioch: Apollo and Daphne* (detail), late 3rd century A.D. Stone, 190 x 592 cm. Gift of the Committee for the Excavation of Antioch to Princeton University (y1965-219). Photo: Bruce M. White



Look Carefully

Look closely at this mosaic.

What colors do you see?

What shapes do you see?

Use Your Imagination

This mosaic shows a scene from a Roman story or myth.

What do you see in this picture?

What do you think is happening?

What do you think will happen next?

Try This Pretend that the grid below is a mosaic. Use your pencil to shade in some of the squares to make a picture or a design. You can even try creating the first letter of your name.

