

The Symposium



This cup was made in Athens around 500BCE.

It would have been used for drinking watered wine out of at parties called symposiums – parties like the one shown in the decoration inside the cup.

You can see an animation made from this cup at: www.panoply.org.uk/the-symposium.html

On the next page, plan your own animation based on the scene inside the cup.

You'll need to decide what you think the figures should do, then draw-out a storyboard. Add pictures to show the main scenes that will be in the animation and give each of them a caption.

Some questions to consider for your storyboard:

- What do you think each of these figures would do if they could move?
- Is it a special occasion for your characters – if so, what is it? What's the atmosphere like?
- Will the gorgon monster in the middle play a part in your story?

Vase: Athenian black-figure footed cup (kylix) (AN1974.344), c.500BCE. Image © Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford

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