

INVESTIGATING THE GOD MITHRAS

INFORMATION ON THE GOD MITHRAS AND PRESENTING IT FOR AN AUDIENCE

Introduction activity

Watch the 'Mithras, eastern God of heavenly light' video clip and discuss how Mithras was a god worshipped by soldiers because he symbolized courage, valour and purity.

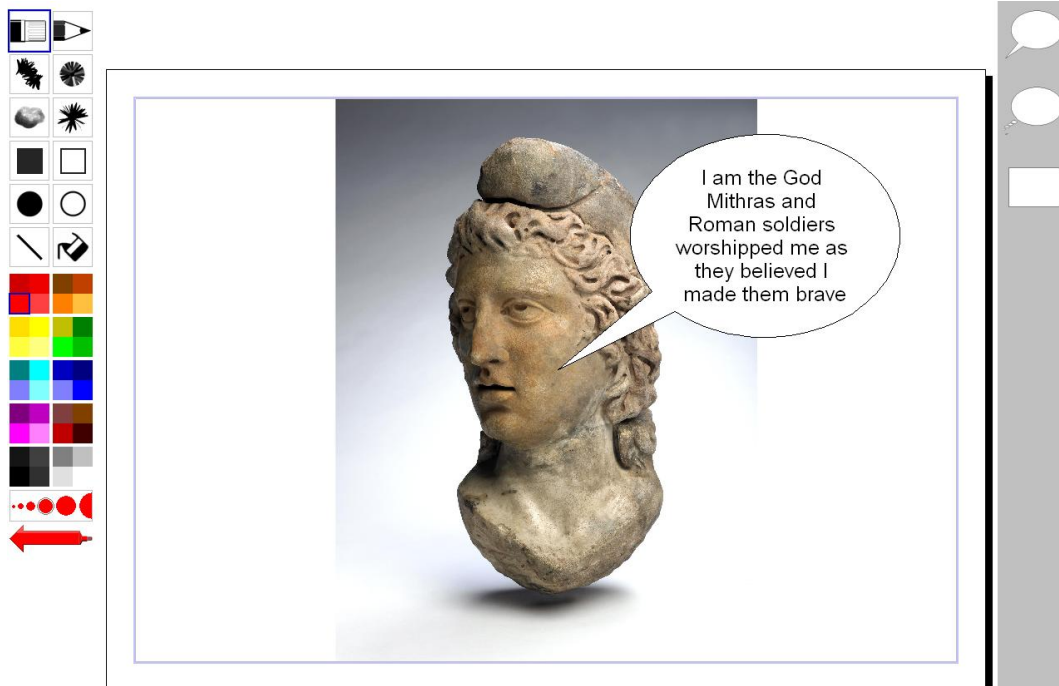
Discuss information that we can gather about Mithras from this clip. Also use the information located [here](#).

Main part of the lesson

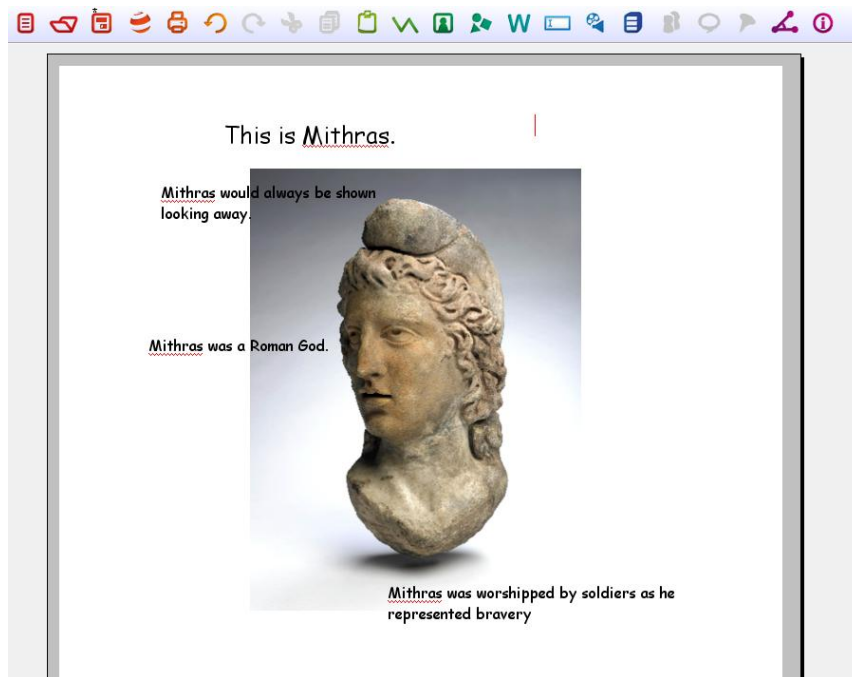
As a class talk about how the god Mithras was always represented slaying a bull as they believed that the blood of the bull would give everlasting life, and that the eyes of Mithras would always be looking away so that even though he was killing the bull, he was displaying purity as he did not want watch the killing of the bull himself.

Explain that in this lesson you would like pupils to use the 'Mithras head image resource' and import it into a software program and add some information about this god from what they have learnt so far about him.

This maybe imported into a software program where you can add speech bubbles.



Or, if a London school, use the online resource J2E for the older pupils and JIT for the younger pupils.



Demonstrate, if appropriate, to the pupils how they can select the image of the head of Mithras from the Romans in London site, right click on the image to select 'save picture as' and then save the image locally.

Then demonstrate how to open this image in the selected software program or online resource and how to add text.

Ask the pupils to create their own Mithras resource.

Plenary

Share the Mithras resources that have been created.

As a class, look at the image of Mithras killing a bull on the BBC site by clicking on the image icon or by using the reconstruction in the Romans in London site.



What can we recognize here in this image from what we have learnt about the god Mithras?