

# COL\_20: Profile of an individual

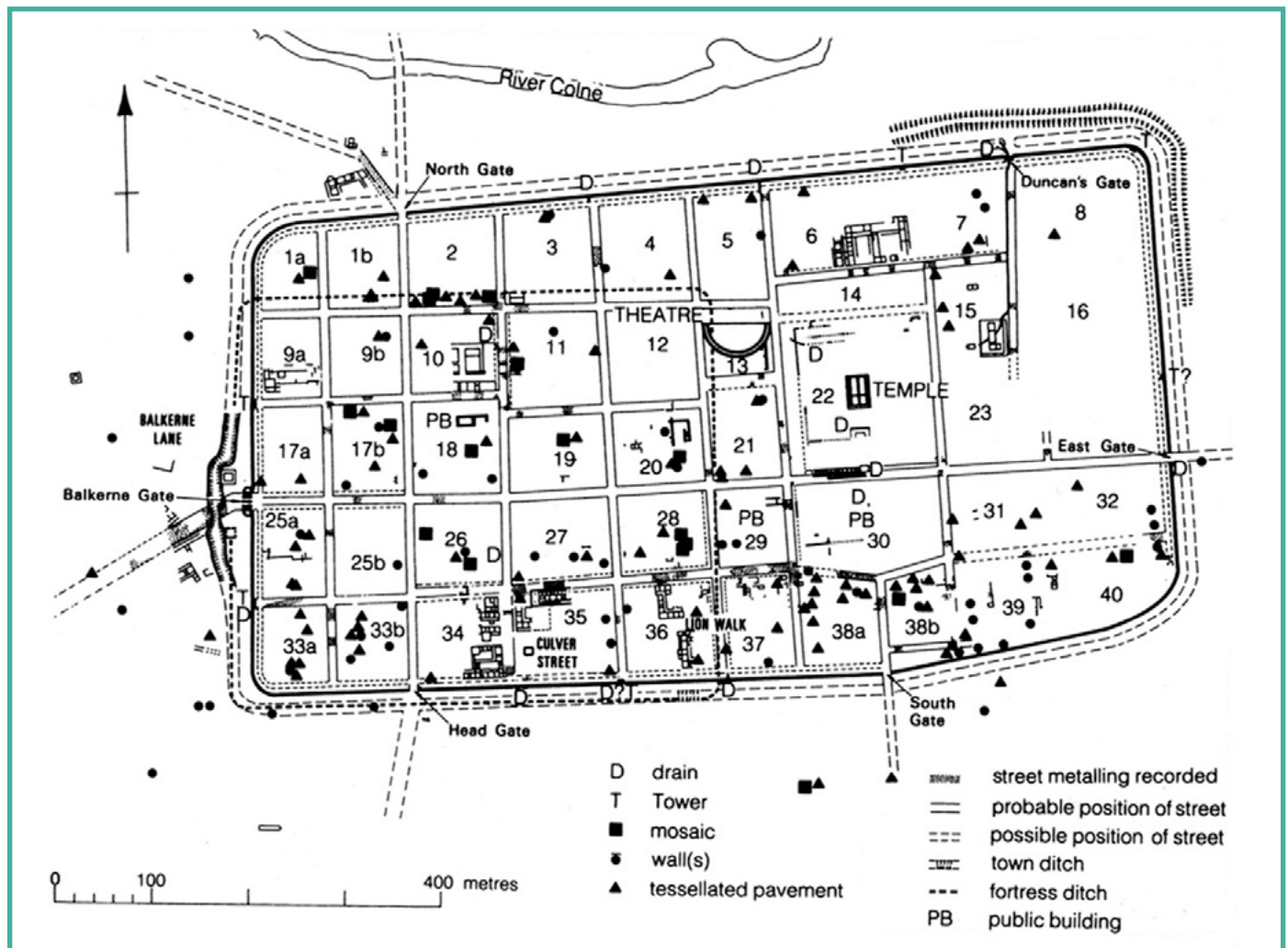
## DEAD INTERESTING: Fact File Week 1

Use this fact file to record the information you find out or deduce about the individual **COL\_20** so that, at the end of the course, you can create a profile of them – the type a museum might use in an exhibition.

Describe the pots **COL\_20** was found in. What were they made of? What did they look like? Why do you think these particular pots were used and what does this tell us about **COL\_20** and their family?



This is a map of Roman Colchester. Can you mark on it where you think the cemeteries would have been located?



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Describe the funeral for this individual based on what you have learnt about them so far, what you know about funeral traditions of the time, and your imagination. What would it have looked, smelled and sounded like? Who would have attended?



From the evidence so far, what kind of position do you think this person's family may have held in society?

We don't yet know the biological sex of **COL\_20** but this should not affect your choice as it was the family and friends of the deceased who planned and paid for the funeral.

**Elite (governors, administrators, high-ranking soldiers)**

**Employed (traders, soldiers, craftspeople)**

**Slaves**

## DEAD INTERESTING: Fact File Week 2

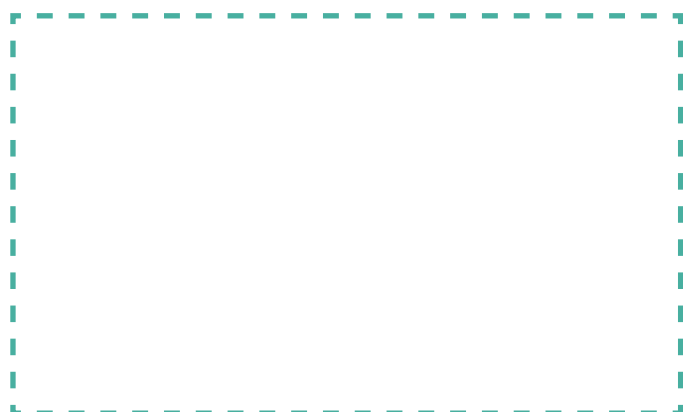
Using the evidence you've gathered so far, circle the outline that matches the biological sex of **COL\_20**. You can also add details (such as clothing) that reflect their age and status.

**FEMALE**

**MALE**

Remember, someone's biological sex is not the same as their gender and may not reflect how that person identified during their lifetime.

Label the person to indicate the part of their body affected by the pathology osteologist identified in the film. Does the fact that this pathology was evident in the remains back up or contradict what we have already deduced about **COL\_20**?



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The Strontium isotope ratio for of **COL\_20** indicates their childhood may not have been spent in Colchester. **Investigate** where Legio XX was stationed before coming to Colchester.

**Legio XX Valeria Victrix on Wikipedia** is helpful for maps and **Livius.org** provides a comprehensive history of the legion. Would **COL-20**'s strontium isotope ratio fit with a childhood spent with the Roman Legio XX?

Write a short (50 words max) inscription for **COL\_20** in English (and see how much of it you can translate into Latin!)

**romaninscriptionsofbritain.org** is useful for inspiration. Search for 'Colchester' and take a look at RIB 201.

Circle the place Legio XX was NOT stationed in

Imagine the circumstances that led **COL\_20** to travel to Colchester and write an imagined letter or journal entry they may have written about the move.



Which grave goods were discovered with **COL\_20**'s remains? Circle the correct picture

Glass bowl

Ring with gem

(Pigeon) figurine

Frankincense

Baby feeding vessel