

Ancient History Jokes: 155 Clean Lines From Pharaohs to Caesar

155 original puns, ready to copy

A pharaoh sounds like 'fair-oh,' Rome rhymes with 'home,' and a mummy stays wrapped in secrets. Ancient history is packed with pun-ready words. Add Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, King Tut and the gladiators of the Colosseum, and every era turns into a joke book. Students, teachers and museum fans will all find something here. For puns across every period, from medieval to modern, see our history puns.

Quick summary

Ancient history jokes are clean one-liners about the distant past, from Stone Age hunters to Roman emperors. They play on famous names and things like pyramids, mummies, togas, gladiators and hieroglyphs. Students, teachers and museum fans love them because the history is famous and the wordplay is simple.

- 155 original lines in 9 sections.
- Egyptian, Mesopotamian, Greek, Roman and Stone Age jokes.
- Classroom lines, knock knock jokes and dad jokes.
- A glossary of history words and a guide to the oldest jokes ever recorded.
- Clean and school-safe.

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Short Ancient History Jokes

1. History class is my favorite. It is a blast from the past.
2. The Stone Age farmer was outstanding in his field, literally.
3. Rome was not built in a day, but this joke was.
4. Pyramid jokes always peak at the right moment.
5. The mummy kept everything under wraps.
6. Caesar walked into a salad bar and became a legend.
7. Zeus always made a thunderous entrance.
8. The gladiator quit because he felt sword and tired.
9. My history book is heavy. It covers thousands of years.
10. King Tut ruled as a kid. Talk about early homework.
11. Ancient jokes never get old. They just get classic.

Egyptian and Mesopotamian Jokes: Pharaohs, Mummies and Clay Tablets

Pyramids, pharaohs and King Tut, then the land between the rivers, where writing, laws and ziggurats began.

12. Why did the pharaoh go to the dentist? He needed a new crown.
13. The sphinx tells riddles and never gives straight answers.
14. My mummy is my favorite teacher. She wraps up every lesson.
15. Egyptian builders had a point. Several, on every pyramid.
16. Cleopatra ruled Egypt and every room she entered.
17. Hieroglyphs are just ancient emojis with better outfits.
18. King Tut's tomb stayed hidden for over 3,000 years. Best hide and seek ever.
19. Why do mummies make calm teachers? Nothing gets under their skin.
20. The camel crossed the desert to deliver one dry joke.
21. Anubis weighed hearts and still kept a light mood.
22. Egyptian cats were treated like royalty. Some things never change.
23. Mesopotamia invented writing, so naturally the first complaint was written on clay.
24. Cuneiform was just wedge-shaped texting.
25. Hammurabi had 282 laws and zero patience for loopholes.
26. Babylon's hanging gardens had the best plant parents in history.
27. The Sumerians wrote the first beer recipe and the first hangover excuse.
28. Persia built a royal road so the mail would arrive on time.
29. Ziggurats were stairs with big ambitions.
30. A clay tablet never crashed, but it did break.
31. Gilgamesh looked for eternal life. The rest of us look for the snooze button.
32. The Tigris and Euphrates were the first rivers to get all the credit.

33. Babylonians counted in base sixty, which is why a minute lasts as long as it does.

Greek Jokes and Mythology: Gods, Philosophers and Sparta

Democracy, the Olympics, philosophers and a very busy family on Mount Olympus. Sprinters can find modern races in our running puns.

- 34. Zeus threw thunderbolts when the sky over Olympus went dark.
- 35. Socrates asked so many questions, even the answers got tired.
- 36. Athena was born wise. The rest of us need homework.
- 37. Spartans kept speeches short. Their jokes were even shorter.
- 38. The first Olympic sprinters raced in armor. Fashion was different then.
- 39. Plato loved ideas. His cave was just his thinking room.
- 40. The Trojan Horse was history's biggest surprise gift.
- 41. Odysseus took ten years to get home. Traffic was terrible.
- 42. Aristotle classified animals, plants, and very long lectures.
- 43. Hercules finished twelve labors before lunch. Show-off.
- 44. Zeus had thunderbolts, a bad temper and a very large family.
- 45. Poseidon was the god of the sea and the original wave maker.
- 46. Medusa had a bad hair day that lasted forever.
- 47. Hermes delivered messages faster than any courier. Wings on the shoes helped.
- 48. Hades ran the underworld and never took a day off.
- 49. Athena won the contest with an olive tree and a better pitch.
- 50. Icarus ignored the warning label.
- 51. Pandora opened the box and learned the real meaning of curiosity.
- 52. The Minotaur had a maze and a lot of free time.
- 53. Apollo was the god of music, poetry and bad sunburns.

Roman and Battlefield Jokes: Caesar, Legions and Generals

- 54. Caesar was warned to beware the Ides of March. He thought it was a sale.
- 55. A centurion counts to one hundred before every battle cry.
- 56. The gladiator waved to the crowd. Thumbs up, he hoped.
- 57. Romans wore togas to every party. It was a wrap dress code.
- 58. The aqueduct carried water and the whole city's gossip.
- 59. Et tu, crouton, said Caesar to his salad.
- 60. Roman roads were straight, unlike Roman politics.
- 61. Roman soldiers marched thousands of miles in sandals. Respect.
- 62. Mount Vesuvius blew its top before it was cool.
- 63. Latin is a dead language, but Roman jokes live on.
- 64. All roads lead to Rome, and all Roman jokes lead to Caesar.
- 65. Alexander the Great ran out of world before he ran out of ambition.

66. Hannibal brought elephants across the Alps and nobody asked for a refund.
67. Leonidas held Thermopylae with 300 Spartans and a lot of attitude.
68. The Persians had the bigger army. The Greeks had the better location.
69. The Roman testudo was a shield wall with a turtle's attitude.
70. A phalanx is a spear hedge with excellent teamwork.
71. Hadrian built a wall to keep out the weather and the neighbors.
72. Julius Caesar crossed the Rubicon and the point of no return.
73. Spartan mothers said come back with your shield or on it. Now that is a pep talk.
74. Cleopatra met Caesar rolled up in a carpet and still made an entrance.
75. The Battle of Marathon launched the first run that made the news.

Stone Age and Ancient Inventions Jokes

Fire, cave art, concrete and calculators, all invented long before the first battery.

76. The caveman invented fire and immediately wanted marshmallows.
77. Cave art was the first social media wall.
78. Stone Age tools were sharp. The humor was a little blunt.
79. Cavemen told jokes around the fire. The reviews were warm.
80. His club doubled as a hunting tool and a pointer stick.
81. The Stone Age chef burned dinner. Fire was still new.
82. Cave paintings showed hunts, hands, and zero selfies.
83. The first planner was a pile of stones. Heavy, but it worked.
84. Mammoth steaks fed the whole cave and the whole week.
85. Cavemen had bad hair days for thousands of years.
86. The first joke ever told probably got a very long silence.
87. The Romans invented concrete, and the Pantheon has not forgotten it.
88. Archimedes shouted Eureka and ran through the streets. Bath time had never been so dramatic.
89. The first Olympics gave out olive wreaths and bragging rights, not medals.
90. Egyptians made paper from papyrus and invented the first paper cut.
91. Ancient China gave us paper, silk and gunpowder. Fireworks were a bonus.
92. The Roman aqueducts were the first water slides for gossip.
93. Greek fire was the original hot take.
94. The abacus was the first calculator. It never needed batteries.
95. Egyptian sundials were always accurate and never useful at night.
96. Ancient doctors recommended honey, so at least the cure was sweet.

Ancient China, India and the Americas Jokes

A world tour of ancient wonders, from the Great Wall to Machu Picchu.

97. The Great Wall of China is the longest to-do list ever completed.
98. The terracotta warriors stood guard for 2,000 years and never blinked.

99. The Silk Road was the first online shopping route, just slower.
100. Ancient India gave us zero, and it counted for a lot.
101. The Indus Valley had drainage systems that put some modern cities to shame.
102. The Maya built pyramids and invented chocolate drinks. A great civilization.
103. The Aztecs built a city on a lake. Real estate was risky, but the view was great.
104. The Inca kept records with knotted strings called quipu. Their spreadsheets had knots.
105. Machu Picchu has the best view of any ancient office.

Jokes for History Teachers and Students

Classroom-ready lines for teachers and school-safe jokes for students who think the past is boring. Pair them with our teacher appreciation jokes.

106. My teacher makes the past feel like a field trip.
107. History teachers never repeat jokes. History does that for them.
108. Our teacher dates every event and still remembers our birthdays.
109. The best history teachers turn dates into stories.
110. My teacher can name every pharaoh and every troublemaker.
111. History class: where the homework is older than the school.
112. Teachers prove the past is never past in a pop quiz.
113. Our teacher's favorite era is the one with us in it.
114. A great teacher makes even tax records of Babylon fun.
115. History teachers deserve monuments, not just memorials.
116. Thanks for making ancient times feel brand new.
117. Why was the mummy a good student? It was all wrapped up in history.
118. What did the pyramid say to the student? I am a real point of interest.
119. Why did the Roman bring a ruler to class? To measure up to Caesar.
120. Why did the Greek student bring a laurel to school? He wanted top honors.
121. The cave kid drew on the wall and called it homework.
122. Why did the pharaoh ace the test? He kept answers in his tomb notes.
123. Spartan kids trained hard and napped harder.
124. Alexander conquered an empire before turning 33. No pressure, students.
125. Ancient kids had chores too. Theirs involved goats.

Ancient History Knock Knock Jokes

Knock knock jokes in call-and-response form. Each one hides a tiny history lesson behind the door.

126. Knock, knock. Who's there? Tut. Tut who? Tut tut, you kept a pharaoh waiting.
127. Knock, knock. Who's there? Caesar. Caesar who? Caesar jolly good fellow.
128. Knock, knock. Who's there? Roman. Roman who? Roman around the Colosseum. Can I come in?
129. Knock, knock. Who's there? Greece. Greece who? Greece is the word.

130. Knock, knock. Who's there? Mummy. Mummy who? Mummy locked herself out, so please unwrap the door.
131. Knock, knock. Who's there? Nero. Nero who? Nero-ly missed the party. I was busy fiddling around.
132. Knock, knock. Who's there? Olive. Olive who? Olive on Mount Olympus, so I knock on clouds.
133. Knock, knock. Who's there? Sphinx. Sphinx who? Sphinx you should open the door.
134. Knock, knock. Who's there? Legion. Legion who? Legion around is not allowed in the Roman army.
135. Knock, knock. Who's there? Attila. Attila who? Attila-st you opened the door.

World History Dad Jokes and Corny One-Liners

Dad-joke heart, corny soul. Dad humor fans can also try our dad jokes about math.

136. Dad's history jokes are ancient. That is the point.
137. The Great Wall took centuries to build. Dad's fence took one weekend.
138. Babylon hung gardens. Dad hangs pictures, crooked.
139. The printing press changed the world. Dad still prints emails.
140. Old sailors read the stars better than Dad reads instructions.
141. Lydia minted the first coins. Dad still pays with exact change.
142. Vikings sailed far and wore horns only in cartoons.
143. Before the compass, every trip was a surprise tour.
144. Dad says his jokes are classics. Historians agree they are very old.
145. Some jokes belong in a museum, right next to Dad's sneakers.
146. These jokes are history in the making.
147. I am not old. I am historically significant.
148. My love for history is set in stone, literally carved.
149. Time flies, but history walks and takes notes.
150. Old jokes never die. They become primary sources.
151. I dig history, said the archaeologist at work.
152. Ruins are just buildings with great stories left.
153. Every empire falls, but a good pun stands forever.
154. Pompeii preserved bread for 2,000 years. Talk about stale.
155. That is a wrap, said the mummy, closing the show.

Frequently asked questions

What are ancient history jokes?

Ancient history jokes are clean jokes and puns about the distant past, from Stone Age hunters to Greek philosophers and Roman emperors. They use famous names and objects, like pyramids, mummies, togas and gladiators, so the setup feels familiar fast. Students, teachers and museum fans enjoy them most.

What is the oldest joke in history?

The oldest recorded joke comes from Sumer, in modern Iraq, around 1900 BC. Researchers at the University of Wolverhampton named it the world's oldest in a 2008 study. It is a cheeky one-liner about a young wife and a very human moment, proof that bathroom humor is nearly 4,000 years old.

Did people in ancient Rome tell jokes?

Yes, people in ancient Rome loved jokes, and Roman writers praised wit at banquets and in speeches. Cicero was famous for his humor, and comic plays by Plautus filled theaters with wordplay. Mary Beard's book *Laughter in Ancient Rome* shows jokes were a serious part of daily life.

What is the oldest joke book in the world?

The oldest surviving joke book is the *Philogelos*, a Greek collection whose name means 'Laughter-Lover.' It holds about 265 jokes and was compiled around the fourth or fifth century AD, using some older material. For a much later collection, see our 1940s joke book.

What are good ancient history jokes for kids?

Good jokes for kids are short, clean and built on famous pictures from the past. Try mummy lines like 'Why was the mummy a good student? It was all wrapped up in history,' or pharaoh jokes about crowns and pyramids. Simple words and clear images help the laugh land fast.

Why do history teachers use jokes in class?

Humor makes facts stick. A funny line about Caesar or King Tut gives students a picture to hang dates on, and timelines stop feeling like dry lists. Jokes also open lessons with energy and help shy students join in. Thank your teacher with our teacher appreciation jokes.

Did ancient Egyptians have a sense of humor?

Yes. Egyptian art shows musicians, dancers and playful scenes, and surviving satirical papyri show animals acting like people. Humor was part of daily life, not only temple ritual.

Why do mummy jokes work so well?

Mummy jokes lean on wraps, tombs and secrets, which make easy double meanings: wrapped up, under wraps, unwrapped. They also feel safe for kids because the mummy is more silly than scary.