

## Amphora handle



<b>Date</b>	Mid-first century BC
<b>Material</b>	Clay
<b>How was it made?</b>	Mass-produced
<b>What is it for?</b>	Transporting goods
<b>Where is it from?</b>	Benha, Egypt
<b>What does it say?</b>	<p><b>Text</b>  M ° TVCCI ° L ° F ° TRO / GALEONIS  M(arci) ° Tucci ° L(uci) ° f(ilii) ° Tro(mentina tribu)  / Galeonis</p> <p><b>Translation</b>  'Of Marcus Tuccius Galeo, son of Lucius, of the  Tromentina voting-tribe.'</p>

### More information:

- The image on the stamp is a ship's anchor - appropriate for something that might be used to transport goods by sea.
- Although this amphora handle was found in Egypt, it originated in Italy. Others stamped with the name of M. Tuccius Galeo have been found in Italy, Sardinia, Gallia Narbonensis (the South of France), Judaea (Israel), as well as in Alexandria and the Nile delta in Egypt.

**Topics to investigate:** Roman trade; What sorts of goods were shipped in an amphora?; What can we find out from the names on amphorae?; What were voting tribes?