

## Felix cup



<b>Date</b>	3rd century AD
<b>Material</b>	Dark coloured clay with a contrasting clay slip decoration.
<b>How was it made?</b>	Thrown on a wheel and then shaped and decorated with watered down clay (slip).
<b>What is it for?</b>	A cup for drinking.
<b>Where is it from?</b>	Cologne, Germany
<b>What does it say?</b>	<b>Text</b> F ° E ° L ° I ° X ° <b>Translation:</b> 'Happy'

### More information:

- The cup acts as a 'speaking object', wishing happiness to whoever drinks from it.
- This kind of pottery is called Rhenish ware. The hand piped slip decoration is called barbotine decoration.
- This cup was a gift in 1908 by Arthur Evans to the Ashmolean, from the collection of his father Sir John Evans (1823-1908), who had been both businessman and keen archaeologist.

**Topics to investigate** Roman ideas about good luck and happiness; What were Romans' preferred drinks?