

## The Nolli Map

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### A. You will need

- your *Streetwise Rome* map
- pencils (no pens — pencils are also available on site) and a notebook
- laptops or tablets

!! **NOTE:** Other gear should be stored in the cloakroom on the right as you enter !!

### B. Preparation

- The Nolli Map vidcast (available via our website late Sunday evening) in order to familiarize yourself with the map's making and meaning.
- Scan your team's assigned grid on your *Streetwise Rome* map and/or Google Maps (see Guidelines, below).

### C. Meet at Special Collections: Pohndorff Room, Scribner Library, Third Floor

- Visitors must sign in, wash hands, and stow gear (except for the items in part A).

!! **NOTE:** Please arrive by 9:00 a.m., if at all possible !!

### D. Guidelines

- Students have been divided up into five teams (see below).
- Before class, team members should watch the Nolli Map vidcast and scan the assigned portions (grids) of their *Streetwise Rome* maps.
- The goal is to become familiar with major landmarks in your grid: archaeological sites, churches and other religious places, piazzas, parks, bridges, major streets, and so forth.
- Once in the Pohndorff Room, one member from each team will put the Nolli Map together, and a very brief discussion of the assembled document will follow.
- Teams will then take their assigned panel of the map, which corresponds to their *Streetwise Rome* map grid, and compare and contrast the two (using laptops to access Google Maps as necessary). Teams should note both similarities and differences between the Nolli Map and today's maps.

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#### D. Guidelines — *continued*

- Teams should make a list of similarities and differences by considering the following questions: What was buried in the 18th century, and what has since been revealed? What features of old Rome have disappeared, and what has replaced them? What has remained, and why? What is completely new in the 21st century? To what extent has the street grid changed over the centuries?
- Be specific, but don't get too detailed. Hit the high points.
- Teams will then report out, and we will discuss findings as a class.
- Finally, we'll spend some time considering the playful vignette at the bottom of the screen, how it frames the Nolli Map and affects our interpretation.
- Anyone who wishes to stay after class and peruse the Map further may do so.

#### E. Teams & Grids

- Team Lateran: MacKinnon, Robinson, Ziomek: *Streetwise* L15 – L17, N15 – N17
- Team Colosseum: Cane, Conde, Fairchild, Graubart, Kiernan: *Streetwise* M9 – M14, N9 – N14
- Team Popolo: Blunt, Federico, Hernandez, Miller: *Streetwise* E7 – E12, F7 – F12
- Team Navona: Bowling, Capalbo, Harripersad, Maeder: *Streetwise* C18 – C25, F18 – F25
- Team Vatican: Bernstein, Griffin, Holthaus: *Streetwise* F2 – F7, G2 – G7

#### F. What's a *Streetwise* grid?

- As you know, the *Streetwise Rome* map is arranged by lettered rows and numbered columns.
- The intersection of a row and column is designated by a letter-number coordinate: D3 is the area on the map where row D and column 3 intersect, a box with an area of roughly one square inch.
- Your *Streetwise* grid is an inclusive series of boxes. The coordinates are the upper left, upper right, bottom left, and bottom right "corners" of your grid.
- EXAMPLE: Grid F18 – F21, H18 – H21 would incorporate all of the following boxes where rows intersect with columns: F18, F19, F20, F21; G18, G19, G20, G21; H18, H19, H20, H21 — an area in the Historic Center inset map four inches wide x three inches tall.
- Your grid corresponds generally to the panel of the Nolli Map that your team will work with. By perusing your grid ahead of time, you will prepare yourself for what you might (or might not) see on the Nolli Map.
- You can also use your *Streetwise* grid to direct yourself to the appropriate region of Google Maps, if you want more information than what your *Streetwise Rome* map provides.