FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM

This sculpture from the Fitzwilliam Museum shows a man called Antinous. He lived about two thousand years ago in the time of the ancient Romans.

Can you spot the beautiful wreath of leaves and berries on his head?

Emperor Hadrian loved Antinous so much that he took him everywhere with him on his travels. He couldn't bear to be apart from the man he loved. Hadrian was so upset when poor Antinous died that he wanted to do something very special to make sure no one ever forgot him.





Can you guess what Emperor Hadrian did for Antinous? *(Check the bottom of the page to find out the answer.)

- He made lots of statues of him

- He put his face on Roman coins
- He made him into a god
- He named a city after him

The love between Hadrian and Antinous reminds us that throughout history there are lots of different kinds of love stories. including love stories between two men. In the past. museums were less likely to tell these stories. but now we think they are important to share to make sure everyone feels welcome in our museums.

Think of someone important to you. Use the large frame on the next page and draw a portrait of them to celebrate how special they are – just like we've done in this frame.



*The answer is Emperor Hadrian made him into a god!



