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Pompeii was so utterly wiped out that even its site was lost. But in the last two centuries the city has in a sense been reborn. In 1748 canal diggers came on the buried houses, and the excavation has

continued almost without interruption ever since. Generations of archaeologists and laborers, Italian and foreign, have devoted their entire lifetimes to uncovering or restoring the ruins of Pompeii. The two-century excavation of Pompeii is the longest ever made of any city of the ancient world. (1) In part the lure has been the dramatic circumstances of the city's death, in part the fact that in Pompeii we can see an ancient city caught at a certain moment at the height of its career, showing its qualities unspoiled by the passage of time.