Cambridge Chapter 1 Culture Notes

* Full name: Lucius Caecilius Iucundus
  + He was a business man in Pompeii
  + We know about him from documents found in a strongbox
* Roman women did not have the same rights as men
  + Did not have full control over their own lives (father would have had control, even to decide who she married)
  + Main duty was to have children and raise them
  + Also took care of household by being in charge of slaves
* Wealthy romans had large fancy houses
  + Didn’t have the same sense of privacy as modern people— had many other people in their house. Slaves might have outnumbered family members, and the man might have conducted business right out of his house
  + Kept **larārium** near the main door, which is a small shrine at which the family gods (Lares) were worshipped
  + Atrium was the main room—large, spacious, for formal events
  + **Compluvium**- sloped opening in roof, so that light would come through and rain water could fall into a shallow pool (**impluvium**)
  + House opened up to gardens

How does this compare to modern homes?