

Bulla Project and Naming Ceremony

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In celebration of your “birth” as a Roman citizen in the class naming ceremony, you will be making your own bulla, similar to those worn by Roman children until they reached adulthood. Your bulla should reflect your personality and may be worn for luck on test days--just as the Romans believed this pendant protected a child from the evil *numina!*

Options for making the Bulla:

1. Fabric pouch
 - a. Cut a circle of material 7-8 in. diameter
 - b. Using strong thread, stitch around the edge of the circle
 - c. Pull the ends of the thread to gather the material into a pouch
 - d. Put your lucky charm in the pouch
 - e. Attach ribbon, yarn or string for the necklace
2. Bottlecaps
 - a. Use two bottlecaps (from milk jugs, Snapple bottles, etc.) and a length of ribbon, yarn or string
 - b. Put your lucky charm in the space between the two caps
 - c. Glue the caps together and glue on the string for the necklace
3. Tinfoil
 - a. Cut a circle of cardboard about 2.5 in. diameter and a rectangle of aluminum foil about 4 in. x 6 in. Cut a length of ribbon, yarn or string long enough to fit over your head as a necklace.
 - b. Fold the foil over the circle, keeping it smooth in front. Bunch it up at the top to make a loop to hold the string.

Finally--Whichever type of bulla you make, decorate it with your Latin name, adjectives describing you, and other symbols to represent you.

Grade rubric for the finished product:

<u>Possible points</u>	<u>Criterion</u>
10	Bulla is well put-together
10	Effort in work is evident
10	Bulla is neat and attractive
10	Bulla is decorated with your Latin name, adjectives describing you, and other symbols to represent you
10	Written paragraph explaining the significance of the bulla's decoration
Total: 50 points possible	