

NUMANTIA

General Information:

Numantia is a town which is found on top of a hill called Cerro de la Muela. Numantia is in the Soria region of Spain. Numantia got sieged by the Romans in 133BC (Collis, J. 1995: 168)

Numantia is an important site to look at because it shows that the Celts were civilised people rather than them being uncivilised which is how a lot of Roman authors portray them to be.

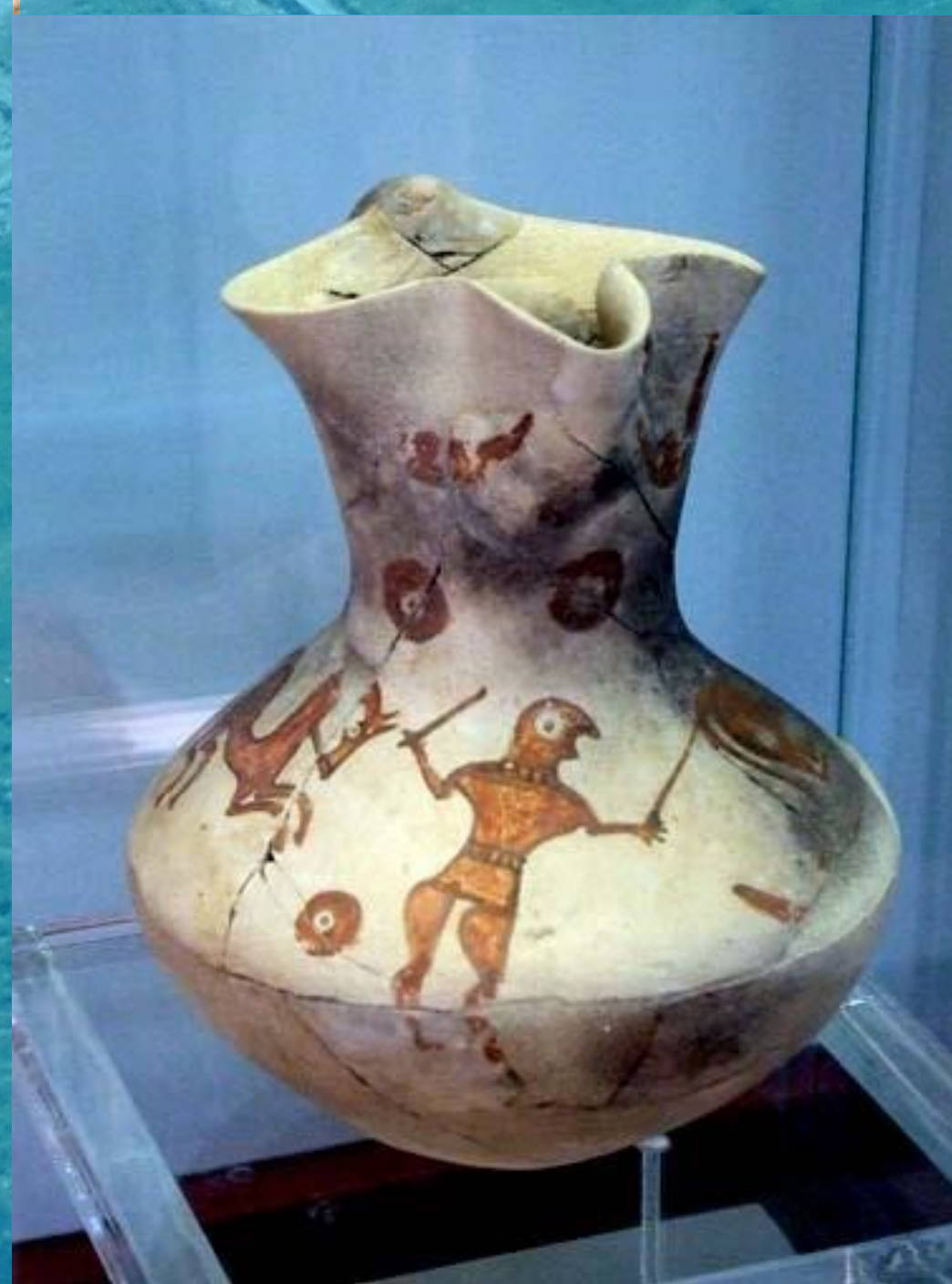
Layout of Numantia:

The layout of the houses in Numantia is very compact and structured. “the advanced urban character of the Celtiberian castro of Numantia is evident in this aerial view showings its dense housing and orderly street plan.” (Haywood, J. 2001: 44) The quote shows that the Celts had social organisation as the buildings they made were in ordered in a certain way rather than just put anywhere. Having all the buildings structured means they would have been able to manoeuvre things (like carts) a lot easier with the structured plan than if it did not have a structured plan to the town.

“Numantia (Soria) had a planned street pattern and was urban in character by the time of the Roman conquest”. (Lenerz– De Wilde, M. 1995: 538) This means the site of Numantia is important because it shows that the Celts can be ‘civilised’ as they can have an order to the things they do.



Map of Spain showing where Numantia is from:
<https://100falcons.wordpress.com/2014/07/25/numancia-or-dont-mess-with-rome/>



Jug of horse and human found in Numantia from: <http://www.sorianitelaimaginas.com/en/patrimonio/numantia-museum-garray>.

Pottery:

The jug from Numantia has drawings of horses and a human like characters on it. This jug would have taken skill to have crafted it and painted on the images which shows Numantia had skilled craftsmen.

“a wolfs head made from baked clay found at the native hill town of Numantia, Spain. The head is the mouth of a trumpet similar to the carnyx.” (Cunliffe, B. 2018: 350) This wolf head also shows Numantia had skilled craftsman. This also shows that music was part of their culture.



Wolfs head made of clay used as a mouth for a Carnyx from: <https://balkancelts.wordpress.com/tag/celtiberian-numantia/>

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