

Over the centuries since the collapse of the Roman Empire, Roman ideas, literature, art and architecture have influenced many people around the world. Go to https://www.salaria.com/web_books/gladiator/index.html to find answers for webquest task #1. This will help you to gain an understanding of the importance of the Roman Empire and its influence.

Task #1: The Roman Gladiator

The ancient Romans are often seen as bringing civilization to the western world, but they regarded the slaying of gladiators as a normal form of entertainment.

1. List four reasons why you wouldn't want to be a Roman prisoner. What would be your fate?

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____

2. Describe how prisoners were bought and sold. Include information about sick or diseased prisoners.

3. List three things that happen if a slave's owner sends him to a ludus gladiatorius.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

4. Name 5 types of gladiators and explain their functions.

Type	Function
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

5. What type of entertainment was there for the spectators to watch before the actual fight took place?

6. What could a Gladiator do prevent his death? _____

7. Describe the [Coliseum of Rome](#). Include when and why it was built, and what it was used for other than combat.

8. How were people seated in the [Coliseum](#)? _____

9. How did [spectators](#) sometimes become part of the show? _____

Task #2: Roman Fashion

Go to <http://rome.mrdonn.org/clothing.html>. to find out about fashion in these ancient times.

List three facts about *Roman fashion*

Men 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Women 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Children 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Read about the *Bulla* and describe its purpose. _____

Task #3: Roman Religion: Go to <http://www.crystalinks.com/romegods.html>. Complete the following chart with names of both Greek and Roman gods.

<i>Roman name</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Greek name</i>
	King of all the gods; hurled thunderbolts	
	Queen of the gods and protector of marriage	
	God for the sea; Zeus' brother	
	God of the underworld—the world of the dead	
	Goddess of wisdom and patron of Athens	

Task # 4: FAMOUS ROMAN EMPERORS

Use the following websites to research some of the most important Roman Emperors. For each of the emperors listed below, discuss their positive and/or negative impact on the Roman Empire. <http://rome.mrdonn.org/emperors.html>
http://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_rome_emperors.php

Emperor	Positive/Negative Impact on Roman Empire
Julius Caesar 	1. 2.
Augustus 	1. 2.
Constantine 	1. 2.
Nero 	1. 2.
Trajan 	1. 2.

Roman Architecture

The **Architecture of Ancient Rome** borrowed much of its style and technique from classical [Greek architecture](#). The blending of Greek, as well as other architectural styles worked to create a new [architectural](#) Roman style. Roman and Greek architecture is often referred to as [classical architecture](#).

1. From whom did the Romans learn most of their [architectural techniques](#)? _____
2. What materials did the Romans use to build their structures? _____

[The Pantheon](#)

3. What was the Pantheon used for? _____
4. Describe the architectural style of the Pantheon. _____

[The Aqueducts](#)

5. What were the Roman aqueducts used for? _____
6. What were some challenges engineers faced in designing aqueducts?

The Twelve Tables of Roman Law

The Twelve Tables were collectively a piece of legislation written by ten consuls as a basis of law for the young Roman Republic. The important basic principle of a written legal code for Roman law was established, and justice was no longer based solely on the interpretation of judges. These laws formed an important part of the foundation of all subsequent Western civil and criminal law.

Answer the following questions on the *Twelve Tables* by clicking on the link provided.

1. By about the 6th century B.C., what were the two basic [social classes](#) in the Roman Republic?

1) _____ 2) _____

2. Which social class had the power to make the laws? _____

Read the [Laws of the Twelve Tables](#)

3. Which laws **3 laws** are still applicable for today's society? EXPLAIN WHY.
