

Roman Quiz

Answer TRUE or FALSE to the following questions:

THE LEGEND OF ROME

According to legend, Rome was founded by the twin brothers Romulus and Remus in 753 BC. **TRUE**

Their father was the war-god Mars. **TRUE**

He threw his sons into the river Nile. **FALSE**

Fortunately they were rescued by a she-wolf. **TRUE**
... and later found by a shepherd called Faustulus.

Romulus and Remus argued about where to build their city. **TRUE**

Remus killed Romulus. **FALSE** (Romulus killed Remus – hence 'Rome')

Romulus was carried to the heavens by his father Mars. **FALSE**

RELIGION

The Romans were very superstitious. **TRUE**

Jupiter was the god of the sea. **FALSE** (= King of the gods)

Venus was the goddess of love. **TRUE**

Mars was the god of wine. **FALSE** (god of war; Bacchus = god of wine)

Ceres was the goddess of agriculture. **TRUE**

Minerva was the goddess of women. **FALSE** (goddess of wisdom; Juno = goddess of women)

The god Pan was half-man and half-goat. **TRUE**

The Romans worshipped in their own homes. **FALSE**

Sacrifices were made to the gods. **TRUE**

Christians had to worship in secret. **TRUE**

Christians who refused to make sacrifices were thrown to the lions. **FALSE**, although they were persecuted at times

By 100AD Christianity was the official religion of Rome. **FALSE** (by 337 AD)

ROMAN RULERS AND EMPERORS

Until 509 BC Rome was ruled by Kings, some of whom were very cruel. **TRUE**

The last king was Peter the Proud. **FALSE** (Tarquin the Proud)

Afterwards Rome became a republic, ruled by a senate. **TRUE**

Everyone was allowed to vote for Senators. **FALSE** (women & poor weren't permitted to vote)

Augustus (originally called Octavian) became the first Emperor in 27 BC. He was the adopted son of Julius Caesar. **TRUE**

The Praetorian Guard protected the Emperor. **TRUE**

Emperor Caligula went mad and was murdered. **TRUE**

Tiberius was the last emperor. **FALSE** (he succeeded Augustus)

Emperor Nero also went mad – many blamed him for starting the great fire of Rome in 64 AD. **TRUE**

Blue was mainly the colour of the emperor's clothes because it was such an expensive dye. **FALSE** (it was purple)

Roman emperors did not wear gold crowns but often wore laurel wreaths to symbolise their success and power (especially after a conquest). **TRUE**

THE ROMAN ARMY

Women were allowed to join the army. **FALSE**

Soldiers would have to stay in the army for at least 25 years. **TRUE**

Soldiers were called 'legionaries' and a 'centurian' was in charge of the legionaries. **TRUE**

Each troop of legionaries was called a 'century'. **TRUE**

A 'century' consisted of 100 men. **FALSE** (= 80 men)

Auxiliary soldiers supported the legions and included infantry and cavalry. **TRUE**

The soldier's belt was called a 'cingulum'. **TRUE**

A 'pilum' was a dagger. **FALSE** (= a javelin)

ROMAN INVASION OF BRITAIN

Julius Caesar made five attempts to invade Britain. **FALSE** (two attempts)

The Romans successfully invaded Britain in AD43 under Emperor Claudius. **TRUE**

The Romans set up their base in Kent. **TRUE**

The 20th legion established a base at Colchester. **TRUE**

Twenty British Kings surrendered to the Romans immediately. **FALSE** (11)

Caratacus tried to fight back – he was captured by the Romans.

TRUE

Queen Boudicca and her army fought the Romans. **TRUE**

The Romans defeated Queen Boudicca easily. **FALSE**

Boudicca poisoned herself before she was captured. **TRUE**