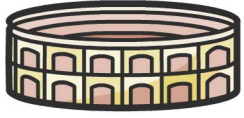


Roman Quiz

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

Their father was the war-god Mars

He threw his sons into the river Nile.

Fortunately they were rescued by a she-wolf.

... and later found by a shepherd called Faustulus.

Romulus and Remus argued about where to build their city.

Remus killed Romulus.

Romulus was carried to the heavens by his father Mars.



RELIGION

The Romans were very superstitious.

Jupiter was the god of the sea.

Venus was the goddess of love.

Mars was the god of wine.

Ceres was the goddess of agriculture.

Minerva was the goddess of women.

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

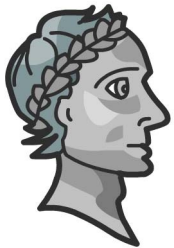
The Romans worshipped in their own homes.

Sacrifices were made to the gods.

Christians had to worship in secret.

Christians who refused to make sacrifices were thrown to the lions.

By 100AD Christianity was the official religion of Rome.



ROMAN RULERS AND EMPERORS

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

The last king was Peter the Proud.

Afterwards Rome became a republic, ruled by a senate.

Everyone was allowed to vote for Senators.

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

The Praetorian Guard protected the Emperor.

Emperor Caligula went mad and was murdered.

Tiberius was the last emperor.

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

Blue was mainly the colour of the emperor's clothes because it was such an expensive dye.

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



THE ROMAN ARMY

Women were allowed to join the army.

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

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

Each troop of legionaries was called a 'century'.

A 'century' consisted of 100 men.

Auxiliary soldiers supported the legions and included infantry and cavalry.

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

A 'pilum' was a dagger.



ROMAN INVASION OF BRITAIN

Julius Caesar made five attempts to invade Britain.

The Romans successfully invaded Britain in AD43 under Emperor Claudius.

The Romans set up their base in Kent.

The 20th legion established a base at Colchester.

Twenty British kings surrendered to the Romans immediately.

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

Queen Boudicca and her army fought the Romans.

The Romans defeated Queen Boudicca easily.

Boudicca poisoned herself before she was captured.