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# The Legacy of Rome



## **As a Young Historian, I will be able to...**

- Summarize the works of Roman literary figures, historians, and philosophers.
- Describe the art and architecture developed by the Romans.
- Understand how the Romans applied science and mathematics for practical use.
- Explain how Rome's rule of law influenced modern legal systems.
- Summarize the Roman ideas and institutions that have influenced Western civilization.

# **Greco-Roman!**

**As said in class before, the Roman's were the plagiarists of history!**

**The poet Horace said, “ Greece has conquered her rude conqueror”**

**The blending of Greek, Hellenistic, & Roman traditions created the Greco-Roman civilization.**

# Writers & History

The poet **Virgil** wrote about Rome's heroic past & how it was as powerful as Greece

Poets often tried to **satirize**, or make fun of, Roman society.

The historian **Livy** sought to instill patriotic feelings in Rome by recalling its past.

**Tacitus** would criticize Rome's history & defend the Germanic cultures

The idea of **Stoicism** also impressed Roman thinkers & rulers

# Art, Architecture & Drama

Rome was influenced by the Greeks, but would develop their own style

Roman sculpture was idealistic & Romans used **mosaics**, pictures made of chips of colored stone, to create art

Roman's loved theater & created plays based on legends & new types of comedy & music

Rome improved Greek columns & arches & invented concrete & domed roofs. They created buildings such as...





**The Pantheon!**



**The Colosseum!**



# Science & Engineering

The Romans put the sciences into practical uses & used Greek methods to improve life

They excelled at **engineering**, the application of science & mathematics to develop structures & machines

Roman engineers built **aqueducts**, bridge-like stone structures that carried water from the hills into Roman cities

**Ptolemy-** Proposed the idea that the Earth was the center of the Universe.

**Pliny the Elder-** Compiled volumes on geography, zoology, botany, & other topics.  
*Natural History*





# Roman Law!

**“Let Justice be done though the heavens fall!”-Rome had a commitment to the rule of law & justice!**

**Civil Law-** law that applied to the citizens of Rome.

**A person is innocent until proven guilty & could face the accuser for a defense & you needed evidence to convict!**

**The idea of trial by jury is traced back to Roman Law Practices**