

# The Romans Reading Passage

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Long ago, the ancient Romans built a huge empire that stretched from the sandy deserts of Africa to the misty woods of Britain. They lived in a city called Rome, which was so beautiful that people called it the "Eternal City." Rome had grand buildings and busy markets where people from different parts of the world came to trade.





The Romans are famous for their impressive engineering. They built roads that connected the city to faraway places. These roads were so well made that some are still used today! They also constructed large aqueducts, which are like bridges for carrying water, bringing fresh water from the mountains to the city. This helped everyone in the city stay healthy and clean.

Another important part of Roman life was their government. Rome started as a kingdom, then became a republic where citizens could vote for their leaders, and finally turned into a mighty empire ruled by emperors. One of the most famous emperors was Julius Caesar, who was known for being a strong leader and making important changes in Rome.

The Romans also appreciated fun and games. They had large stadiums like the Colosseum, where people gathered to watch gladiator fights and other entertainment. These events were very popular and brought the community together.

Romans ate food that might seem unusual to us. They loved dishes made with fish sauce called garum and enjoyed fruits, vegetables, and bread. They also had a sweet tooth and liked honey on their desserts.



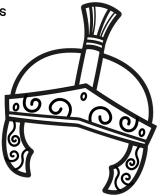
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- a. True
- b. False



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- a. True
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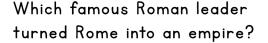
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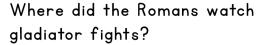


What did the ancient Romans use aqueducts for?

- A) To carry soldiers
- B) To transport food
- C) To bring water to the city
- D) To build houses



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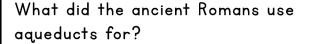
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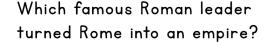
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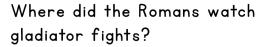
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