

# TOPIC 10: ANCIENT ROME



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# Vocabulary

## A

- all over: por todo
- army: ejército
- armours: armaduras
- arch: arco
- around: por, alrededor de
- axe: hacha

## B

- become: convertirse
- became (pasado de "become")
- because: porque
- bridges: puentes
- buy: comprar

## C

- catapults: catapultas
- church: iglesia
- citizens: ciudadanos
- coins: monedas
- conquer: conquistar
- conquer<sup>ed</sup> (pasado de conquer)

## D

- did (pasado del verbo hacer "do")

## F

- fall: caída
- fight: luchar
- fought: pasado de "fight"
- found (fundar)

## G

## H

- Have: tener
- Had (pasado de "have")
- hard: duro
- heavy: pesado/a
- how: cómo

## I

## J

## K

## L

- later: más tarde, después
- legend: leyenda

## M

- merchant: comerciante
- Middle East: oriente medio
- mining: minería

## N

## O

## P

- plebeians: plebeyos

## P

- powerful (poderoso)

## Q

## R

- rights: derechos

## S

- say: decir
- slave: esclavo
- speak: hablar
- spoke: pasado del verbo "speak"
- spear: lanza
- spread: difundir
- spread: pasado del verbo "spread"
- sword: espada

## T

- trade: comerciar

## V

## W

- walls: murallas
- **was** (fue, era, estaba)
- weapons: armas
- wealthy: rico
- **were** (fueron, eran, estaban)
- while: mientras que
- world: mundo

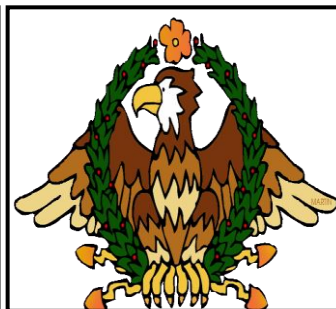
## Y

- year: año

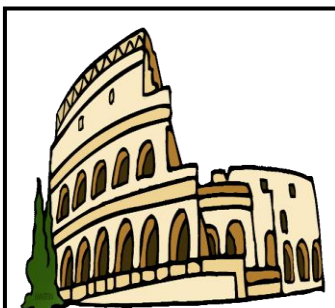
# VOCABULARY: PICTOGRAM



**bath** soldier/gladiator **sculptor** **St Paul**



**Romulus and Remus** **eagle** **Hannibal**



**coliseum** **Nero** **Julius Caesar** **mosaics**

### 1.- Origin of the Roman Empire

Legend says that the twin Brothers Romulus and Remus **founded** Rome in 753 BC. Romulus **was** the first king of Rome but 500 years later Rome **became** a republic.

### 2.- Expansion of the Empire

At this time, Romans **conquered** a lot of territories around the Mediterranean Sea, North Africa and the Middle East because their army **was** very powerful. The eagle was the standard of a Roman legion

### 3.- Weapons

Roman soldiers **had** heavy armours and good weapons: axes, spears, swords, catapults. The fall of the Roman Empire **was** in the year 500 AD.

### 4.- Religion and language

The apostle Paul **spread** the new religion of Christianity all over the Roman world. Romans **spoke** Latin.

### 5.- Society

There were three classes of citizens: rich aristocrats, wealthy merchants and plebeians while slaves **worked** hard and **had** no rights. Julius Caesar, Nero and Hannibal were important people at the time.

### 6.-Architecture

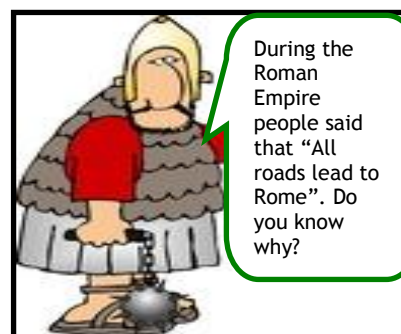
They built stone bridges and walls, mosaics, roads, aqueducts, churches, theatres, temples, arches, public baths and coliseums where people **had** a great time watching how gladiators **fought**.

### 7.-Economy

Romans used coins to buy and trade all over the empire. Slaves **did** mining, building and hard manual labour.



**catapult**



**Activity one. Find regular and irregular past forms of the verb and group them. Give their meaning.**

**Regular verbs:**  
worked (trabajó)

**Irregular verbs:**  
did (hizo)

**Activity two. Read the text above and say if the statements are TRUE or FALSE. Correct the false ones.**

- 1.- Wealthy merchant had no rights. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.- Gladiators fought in churches. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3.- Latin was the language of Romans. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.- Romans conquered South Africa. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.- Slaves were privileged. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.- The Roman Empire was always a Republic. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.- Romus became the first king of the Empire. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8.- Romans built aqueducts and arches. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 9.- The Empire was founded in 753 AD. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10.- Aristocrats had no rights. \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity three. Find a word for these definitions. Then unscramble the letters and find the words.**

- 1.-At first Rome was a monarchy but then it became a ...  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2.-A professional fighter who entertained people in coliseums.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3.- Anything in accord with the principles of justice.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4.- Object that Romans used to trade all over the Empire.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5.- Axes, spears and swords are examples of \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.- This bird was a symbol in Roman legions. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.- \_\_\_\_\_ was the person who spread Christian religion in the Roman world.



A	X	e	O	S	F	M	G	D	L
U	R	O	T	A	J	D	A	L	G
W	e	A	P	O	N	S	e	H	L
G	H	Q	O	H	B	B	J	B	A
S	O	L	D	J	e	R	L	M	T
e	L	J	J	D	e	J	B	P	J
e	O	A	R	U	O	J	U	A	N
G	J	O	V	T	e	H	P	e	e
F	W	H	e	e	J	D	e	L	S
S	J	U	A	N	D	e	R	J	O

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 xea  
 eodlsir  
 vslae  
 laitn  
 pbicluer  
 galortaid  
 wepoans

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