

Ancient Rome Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

- 18 ancient Rome fact cards (pages 2–6)
- ancient Rome questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors and scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the ancient Rome questions worksheet (2-sided).

Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 ancient Rome fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them.



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Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Fact Card

1



The saying "all roads lead to Rome" was true in ancient Italy.

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2



Rome was built about 15 miles (24 kilometers) inland up the Tiber River.



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3



The Colosseum had 80 entrances. When it was in use, average Romans used only 76 of them. The others were for the emperor or people playing in the games. Only 3 in total are still used today.

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4



When Rome was built, it likely had a population of 30,000–35,000. At the empire's height, its population was about 1,000,000.



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Romans loved a naumachia

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6



Ancient Romans spoke Latin. Latin borrowed words and letters from



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Patricians were Rome's highest class. Most were very rich, but not all of them. Family history mattered more than wealth when determining social class.



The first known gladiator game was held at a funeral. It had three pairs of fighters. Much later games could have as many as 5,000 fighters.



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9



Romans sometimes used wild animals in shows. The people who

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10

The Temple of Vesta held a holy fire. It showed Rome was under the goddess's protection. It rarely went out for around 1,000 years.



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Rome's Circus Maximus was the largest stadium of the ancient world. It sat more than 150,000 people.



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Only Roman citizens could wear togas. Most of them were plain, dull white. Only senators or officials wore bright white ones. Different ages and ranks could also use different colors.



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Julius Caesar was named dictator

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The word *palace* comes from Rome's Palatine Hill. Rich people built homes there. Later, it's where the emperor built his home.



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The Roman Pantheon still has the largest concrete-only dome in the world.

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Romans were polytheistic. Polytheistic means they worshipped many gods and goddesses. One was Roma. She was said to be Rome itself in the form of a goddess.





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The Roman Forum was at the

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18



Rome was a kingdom for more than 200 years. Then it was a republic for



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Side A

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Fact Card 1: All roads led to what specific place in Rome?

Fact Card 2: How far inland is Rome?

Fact Card 3: How many Colosseum entrances could an average ancient Roman use?



Fact Card 6: Why were the letters **y** and **z** added to the Latin alphabet?

Fact Card 7: Which mattered more in determining Roman class: wealth or family history?

Fact Card 8: How many people total fought in the first known gladiator game?

Fact Card 9: What type of Roman showman fought wild animals?

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Fact Card 10: What was kept in the Temple of Vesta? For how long?

Fact Card 11: What was the largest stadium in Rome?

Fact Card 12: What color toga did Roman officials wear?



Fact Card 15: Which building has the largest concrete-only dome in the world?

Fact Card 16: Who or what was Roma?

Fact Card 17: What were three things you could do in the Roman Forum?

Fact Card 18: How long was Rome a republic?

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the Golden Milestone

Fact Card 2: How far inland is Rome?



Fact Card 9: What type of Roman showman fought wild animals?

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a holy fire; around 1,000 years

Fact Card 11: What was the largest stadium in Rome?

the Circus Maximus

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Fact Card 18: How long was Rome a republic?

nearly 500 years