

ANCIENT ROME QUESTIONS

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Go to this address: <http://www.mythologyteacher.com/RomanMain.html> , and use the information presented there to answer the following questions.

1. Has marriage changed much since Roman times? Explain.
2. How many children did a Roman family typically have?
3. Name THREE ways that the Romans were unsentimental about childhood:
4. Roughly how many years was Rome a world power?
5. What are FIVE things that every noble boy was expected to learn?
6. What does it mean to *carouse*?
7. What does the word *monocratic* mean?
8. What is a dowry?
9. What is a *paterfamilias*?
10. What is a *pedagogue*?
11. What is *debauchery*?
12. What lead to many cases of *patricide*?
13. What were the two main career paths put before noble boys?
14. What year was the Arch of Titus built?
15. Why were the Romans not necessarily “original thinkers”?
16. What is Stoicism?
17. How are the Roman gods related to the Greek gods?
18. How did many masters free their slaves posthumously?
19. How was Roman slavery different than the slavery that occurred in America?

20. Name THREE events the Circus Maximus was used for:
21. Name TWO ways in which the Romans were more *superstitious* than *religious*:
22. On the Roman racecourse what was the most dangerous part of the race?
23. What did some masters put around the necks of their slaves?
24. What does *appropriated* mean?
25. What event would a senator sponsor if he wanted to become more popular?
26. What forced Gladiators to use their *ingenuity*?
27. What is a villa?
28. What is an *orator*?
29. What is the *Circus Maximus*?
30. What is the modern parallel for the way slaves were treated in Rome?
31. What is the name for determining the future by the path of the stars?
32. What is the name of the mountain that the Roman gods live upon?
33. What Roman recreation is similar to modern beaches?
34. What structure could seat 87,000 spectators?
35. What THREE things might a rich man do in his will?
36. What type of names did slaves have?
37. What was an honorable alternative to political or military defeat?
38. What was placed into the mouth of the dead?
39. What was the hand sign for death in the ring?
40. What was the sign for "mercy" in the ring?
41. Where did slave-traders find a healthy supply of slaves?

42. Which two people were *deified* after their deaths?
43. Who was presented with a wooden sword when his term of service was up?
44. Being struck by the strap of the Lupercal priests meant what for women?
45. How were Romulus and Remus saved from exposure?
46. The month of August is name for whom?
47. The month of February is named for what?
48. The month of July is named for whom?
49. The Romans admired what legendary group of people?
50. To *found* something means what?
51. What became more like a club rather than a public office?
52. What earned a rich Roman man prestige and honor?
53. What elaborate structures were built outside the city?
54. What is a *coffer*?
55. What is a *republic*?
56. What was the feast of Lupercal?
57. Where did Rome get its name?
58. Which goddess was the mother of Aeneas?
59. Who was rumored to be the father of Romulus and Remus?
60. Who was the Tarquin?
61. Why could only the wealthy *afford* to be Roman senators?
62. Why was Aeneas important to the Roman people?
63. Why was the Roman god Pluto considered to be rich?

64. Against whom did Augustus battle for control of Rome?
65. During the reign of Cleopatra, Egypt had been under foreign control for ___ years.
66. For what was Mark Antony known in his younger days?
67. *Gaul* is the Roman term for what modern country?
68. How did Augustus impress his great-uncle, Julius Caesar?
69. How did Caesar attempt to cement the political alliance between Pompey and him?
70. How did Cleopatra famously commit suicide?
71. How did Cleopatra impress Caesar?
72. How did Cleopatra's brother, Ptolemy, enrage Caesar?
73. How did Mark Antony die?
74. How did Pompey die?
75. How did the Roman Republic change under the rule of Augustus?
76. In his time, who was the most powerful man Rome had ever seen?
77. What action of Caesar's was an act of civil war?
78. What is a modern phrase that means "a point of no return"?
79. What is an *intrigue*?
80. What is the *Pax Romana*?
81. What promise did Caesar make to Brutus?
82. What structure did Pompey build in Rome and why was it a "first"?
83. What was a rumor about Brutus' *true* father?
84. What was Augustus called in his younger days?
85. What was Marcus Brutus' ancestor, another Brutus, famous for doing?

86. Which TWO men carried on affairs with Cleopatra?
87. Who was Caesarion, and what was the meaning of his name?
88. Why was Cicero important in the Roman world?
89. With whom did Brutus side in Caesar's civil war, and what happened afterward?
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