

amphitheatre

A place where Romans went to watch gladiator fights, animal fights and executions.

aqueduct

A system of pipes, canals, tunnels and bridges that carried water into towns.

barbarian

The name Romans called people who didn't live in the Roman Empire.

Britannia

The name Romans called the area now known as Great Britain.

Caledonia

The name Romans called the area now known as Scotland.

cassis

A Roman helmet.

Celts

Tribespeople who lived in England over 2000 years ago.

centurion

A Roman army officer who was responsible for 100 soldiers.

chariot

A two-wheeled cart pulled by horses, which was used for ancient racing and battles.

Colosseum

An amphitheatre in Rome that was completed in approximately 70 AD and is still standing today.

emperor

The leader of the Roman Empire.

forum

A space in the middle of a town where markets and meetings were held.

Gaul

The name Romans called the area to the north and west of Italy.

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gladiator

A slave who was trained to fight other people or wild animals for public entertainment.

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gladius

A Roman sword.

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Hibernia

The name Romans called the area now known as Ireland.

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invader

A country or army that forcibly enters another country to take control of it.

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invictus

Undefeated.

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lanista

An experienced gladiator who trained others.

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Latin

The ancient Roman language.

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legion

A unit in the ancient Roman army of 3000 to 6000 men.

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mosaic

A picture, decoration or pattern made by arranging small pieces of coloured glass, tile or stone.

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pilum

A Roman throwing spear.

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pugio

A Roman dagger.

Roman Empire

The area of land that was taken over by the Roman army.

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Roman numerals

Letters that ancient Romans used to write numbers. For example, I means 1 and V means 5.

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Romans

A powerful ancient civilisation that ruled most of modern Europe for hundreds of years.

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scutum

A Roman shield.

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servus

A slave.

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soliloquy

A speech in a play that the character says to themselves and the audience when alone.

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standard

A symbol of Roman honour, which was usually a pole decorated with badges or flags.

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taxes

Money taken from people to pay for the army, wars, palaces and roads.

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via

The Latin word for road.