



Who were The Romans?



The **Romans** were one of the most **powerful, clever** and **successful ancient civilizations** ever.

They **ruled** over nearly all of **Europe** and most of north **Africa**, including **Egypt**.

If you counted all the **modern countries** that would have been in the **Roman Empire**, then you would be counting **48** different **countries** ruled by the **Romans**.



The **Roman Empire** lasted for over 1000 years.
When the **Roman civilization** began in 753 B.C. the **Egyptian civilization** had already been going for 3000 years!
Yet the **Roman civilization** was more advanced in its **technology** than Egypt; and the **Romans** had the **best fighting army** in the history of the ancient world.



Ancient Egypt;
5000 BC – 100AD



Ancient Rome;
753 BC – 450 AD



The **Romans** were very **clever** at **inventing** things – they were so **technologically advanced** that many of their **inventions** would **not** be **used** again in **Europe** for nearly **1000 years** after the Roman Empire had disappeared!

The **Romans invented** things such as:



Human-powered Cranes



Roads



Concrete



Public Baths Mandy Barrow



Central Heating



Laws – The Roman Senate



Toilets



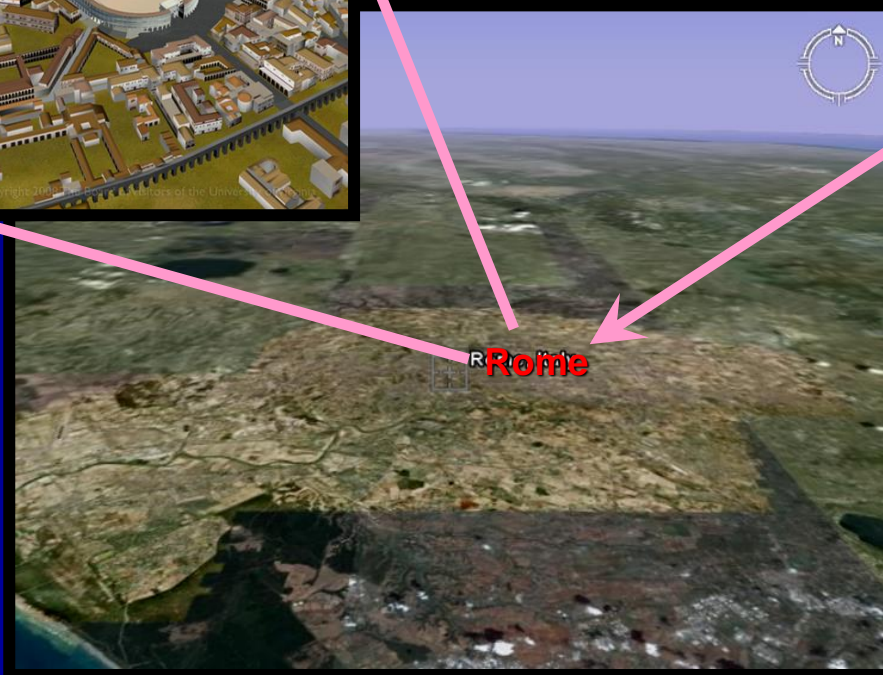
Aqueducts – bridges for running water

Where did the Romans come from?

The **Romans** lived in **Rome**, a **city** in the **centre** of the country of **Italy**. **Rome** started to **grow** from a **small town** into a larger and **larger city** around the year **753 B.C.** (753 years before Jesus was born)



The city of
Ancient Rome



In many ways the **Romans lived** their lives very **differently** to us **today**.
They **dressed differently** to us.



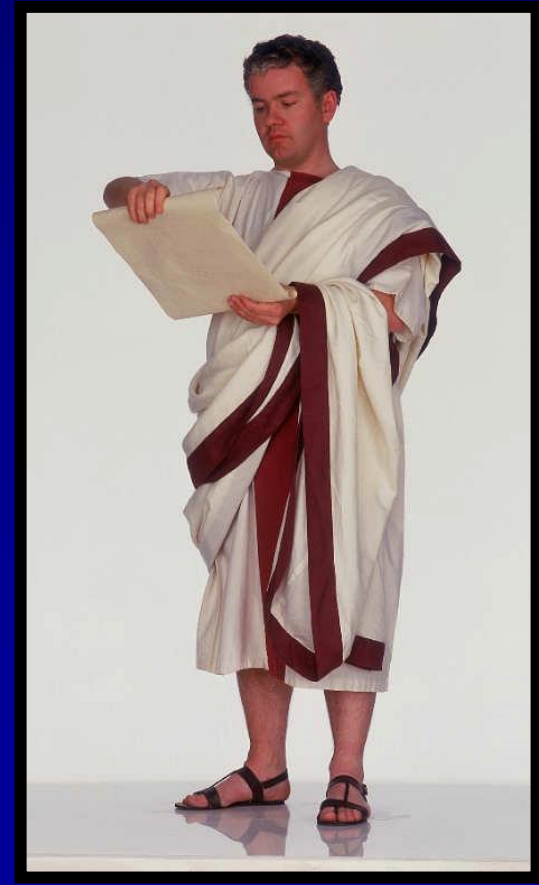
Ancient Roman clothing

Modern clothing

What is different about Ancient Roman clothing and the clothes we wear today?



Can you identify what is similar (the same) and what is different between the clothes of the Romans and the clothes of the modern children?



Can you identify which types of transport are Ancient Roman and which are modern?

How many types of Ancient Roman transport are there, and how many Modern types of transport?



Bicycle



Motor boat



Train



Chariot



Motorcycle



Aeroplane



Motor car

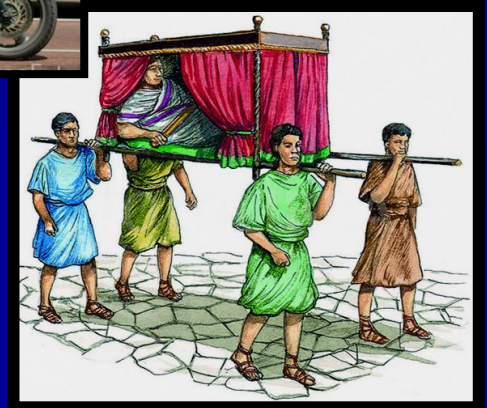
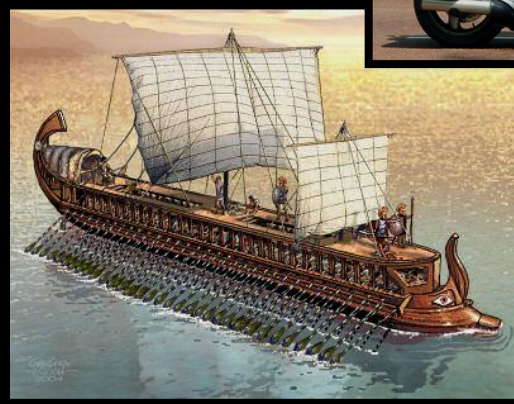


Trireme ship



Litter

What are the differences between Transport in the time of Ancient Rome and transport today? Discuss with a partner.



Even though the **Ancient Romans** lived 2000 years ago we know a lot about them and how they lived. We know about them because of all the **buildings and objects** that have **survived** over 2000 years. Special scientists called **Archaeologists** search for these ancient things.



These are a few of the many thousands of Roman objects that archaeologists have discovered buried in the earth for over 2000 years.
Can you tell what of any them are, or what they might be used for?



Mosaic tile floors



Glass and pottery jars and bowls



Pottery drinking cup

Decorative brooches



Colosseum
Arena in Rome



Soldier's short sword and scabbard



Soldier's helmet