

ROME

Religion

The Romans worshiped several gods and goddesses which they adapted from the Greeks. They built temples and housed statues of the gods, and when on the battlefield they would turn to Mars, the god of war.



Writing

Writing would be done on wax tables or thin leaves of wood. Inscriptions were carved in stone on buildings or other monuments. Wealthy kids went to school and learned to scratch letters on wax with a pointed stick.



Cities

Rome is known as the "Eternal City". Most cities in Rome are paved in stone. Rome is the Capital of Italy and has a population between 5,000-15,000 people.



GOVERNMENT

The Roman Government was structured around a Republic. It was run by 300 upper class citizens. They would elect two officials to run government affairs and one dictator for war.



Art

Roman sculptors and artists stressed realism, an individual's characteristics and idealism. Romans borrowed Greek and Etruscan art. Roman Architects built lavish buildings and focused on grandeur and power.



Social Structure

The Roman Social Structure had two different forms. A Roman Republic which is co-ruled and acts like a group, and a Roman Empire. Roman Empires were ruled by a Emperor and if he ruled well, was worshiped as a god. Romans also very tolerant with culture and religion in conquered territories.

