

Project glossary

absolute power

Complete authority to make decisions.

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amphitheatre

A large round or oval open-air theatre where gladiator fights and horse events were held.

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aqueduct

A channel for carrying water, normally in the form of a bridge across a valley or other gap.

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artefact

A human-made object that is of historical interest.

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auxiliary

A soldier who is not a Roman citizen.

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basilica

A town hall in Roman towns.

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Britannia

The Roman name for the area of Great Britain under Roman rule.

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cause

Something that results in an action.

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Celt

A person from western Europe who came to live in ancient Britain before the Romans.

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century

A group of ten *contubernia* in the Roman army.

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cohort

A group of six or ten centuries in the Roman army.



conquest

The act of taking control of a foreign land by force.

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consequence

A result or effect of an action.

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consul

One of two men who held the highest position in the senate of the Roman Republic.

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contubernium

A group of eight soldiers in the Roman army who lived and worked together.

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dictator

A ruler with absolute power over a country.

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domūs

A large stone house in a Roman town.

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emperor

A male ruler of an empire.

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empire

A group of countries ruled by a single person, government or country.

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equites

A class of upper-class businessmen, government workers or high-ranking leaders in the Roman army.

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forum

The marketplace and centre of a Roman town.

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hierarchy

A system where people or things are arranged in order of importance.

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hypocaust

A system of underfloor heating invented by the ancient Romans.



insulae

Small wooden houses or brick-built apartment blocks where poorer townspeople lived in Roman towns.

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invasion

When a foreign army enters a country by force.

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kingdom

An area ruled by a king.

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legion

A group of ten cohorts.

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paganism

An early religion that worships many gods.

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patrician

A wealthy and powerful citizen of Rome.

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Pax Romana

The long period of peace and stability under the Roman Empire.

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Pict

A person living in northern Caledonia, modern-day Scotland.

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plebeian

An ordinary, free citizen of Rome or a legionary soldier in the Roman army.

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rebellion

An act of resistance against government or authority.

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republic

A country without a king or queen that is governed by elected representatives of the people.

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Romanise

To adopt Roman beliefs, technology and culture.



senate

The group of men who governed the Roman Republic.

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senator

A member of the Roman senate.

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slave

A person at the bottom of Roman hierarchy who was bought and sold by their owners and had no rights.

