

# Primary History: Romans

## Extension Activity - City of Rome

Some buildings from Ancient Rome survive, though they are in ruins. Visitors to Rome today can walk in the Forum. **Find out what the Forum was.** Visitors can also see temples, Roman sewers and underground burial tunnels called catacombs.

**See how much you can discover about the ancient city of Rome.**

Write an Ancient Roman guidebook to record what you find out.

- What were Ancient Rome's most famous buildings?
- How would a tourist from Britain have travelled to Ancient Rome?

**What did Roman Emperors look like?** We have portraits of Emperors on coins as well as statues and paintings of some of them. What kind of clothes are they wearing?

**Draw a picture of a Roman Emperor.** How should he look? Happy or sad, serious or excited, strong or weak?

**Find out about the people who ruled the Roman Empire.**

Make a list of 'good' people and 'bad' people, and explain why they are on your list. You'll find a list of the Roman Emperors in the Resources section. Here are some suggestions for people you could research.

Caligula Claudius Nero Hadrian Constantine

For example, Emperor Augustus was a good ruler, because he restored peace to the Roman Empire. One thing he did was to set up a fire-fighting service for the people of Rome.

- Do you think the Romans liked having an Emperor? Or should they have stuck with the Republic?
- How could the Romans have made their government fairer for everyone?