



# THE ROMAN ARMY

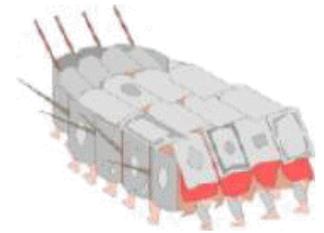
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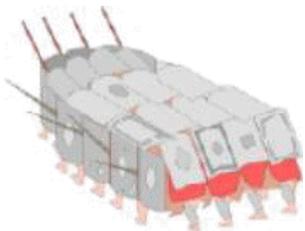
- The Romans managed to conquer so many countries because they had such a good army. The Emperor used the army to protect Rome and to control the people it had conquered. Some soldiers were away from their families for long periods of time
- When a soldier had served in the army for 25 years he could become a citizen of Rome.





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- The army was organized in a very simple way:
- 800 Legionnaires (Roman Citizens who were in the army) would form a Legion.
- The Legion would be split into centuries (80 men) controlled by a Centurion.
- The centuries would then be divided into smaller groups with different jobs to perform.



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- Roman soldiers had to be tough. They were expected to march up to 20 miles per day in line, wearing all their armour and carrying their food and tents.
- Roman soldiers were trained to fight well and to defend themselves. If the enemy shot arrows at them they would use their shields to surround their bodies and protect themselves.

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- They fought with short swords, daggers for stabbing and a long spear for throwing. They also carried a shield for protection as well as wearing armour.



# Tasks

## answer in FULL sentences

- **Activity A**

- 1. What was the army used for?
- 2. Why did Roman soldiers carry daggers?
- 3. How many men were in a century?
- 4. Which weapons were used by Roman soldiers?

- **Activity B**

- 1. How did the Roman army help to build the Empire?
- 2. What were the advantages of being a Roman soldier?
- 3. What were the disadvantages of being a Roman soldier?



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# Task

- Recruitment poster for the Roman army.

## To include...

- Clothing and other equipment free!
- 25 years of service – then get a cash payment and piece of land.
- 3000 sesterii a year – minus costs of food and weapons.
- Travel the empire
- Keep physically fit
- Impress the ladies
- Learn new skills eg. Build roads, baths, bridges & forts – be a doctor!
- Protect the Empire
- Be 1.6 m tall & follow orders
- Capture riches in war

# WRAP UP.

- Write 3 things you know
- 2 things you knew before
- 1 thing you'd like to find out