

ANCIENT ROME TRIVIA QUIZ



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1> What did the Ancient Romans believe gladiator blood would do?

- a. Cure leprosy
- b. Cure epilepsy
- c. Keep a person young
- d. Increase fertility

2> Which roman was known as Caligula?

- a. Nero
- b. Brutus
- c. Tiberius
- d. Gaius

3> When did the great fire of Rome occur?

- a. 320 BC
- b. 64 AD
- c. 111 AD
- d. 740 BC

4> What kind of dog did the Romans use in war?

- a. Molossus
- b. Bulldog
- c. Whippet
- d. Poodle

5> Which ancient Roman building is referred to as the Flavian Amphitheatre?

- a. Servian Wall

- b. Coliseum
- c. Baths of Agrippa
- d. Trajan's Market

6> In ancient Rome, what color was it treasonous to dress in completely?

- a. Yellow
- b. Red
- c. Purple
- d. Green

7> What was Gaius Valerius Flaccus' occupation in ancient Rome?

- a. Doctor
- b. Poet
- c. General
- d. Politician

8> What did the ancient Romans make with goat fat, saffron, henna and beech wood ashes?

- a. Hair dye
- b. Paint
- c. Candles
- d. Soap

9> What was a strigil used for in ancient Rome?

- a. A writing tool
- b. A symbol of office
- c. To carve marble
- d. To clean the body

10> In ancient Rome, what was a stolas?

- a. A saddle
- b. A type of pasta dish
- c. A women's dress or toga
- d. A kind of column

11> Who crossed the Rubicon River and invaded Rome in 49 BC?

- a. Gaius Marius
- b. Pompey
- c. Caesar
- d. Octavian

12> How many people could sit in the coliseum?

- a. 50,000
- b. 75,000
- c. 20,000
- d. 35,000

13> What was an ancient roman crown made of?

- a. Gold
- b. Silk
- c. Laurel leaves
- d. Leather

14> According to the Romans, what kind of animal saved Romulus and Remus?

- a. Bear
- b. Lion
- c. Gorilla
- d. Wolf

15> What did the ancient Romans do with urine?

- a. Train their war dogs
- b. Mark their yard
- c. Wash clothes
- d. Fertilizer their herb gardens

Answers:

- 1> Cure epilepsy - The blood of gladiators was so popular it was sold while still warm to spectators.
- 2> Gaius - Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus was known as Caligula, which means Little Boot.
- 3> 64 AD - The emperor at the time was Nero.
- 4> Molossus - This breed is now extinct, but it has many descendants including the Great Dane and The St. Bernard.
- 5> Coliseum - The Colosseum or Coliseum was the largest amphitheatre in the Roman Empire.
- 6> Purple - The color purple was reserved for senators and emperors.
- 7> Poet - With more than 116 of his poems are still in existence today, Gaius works are still being read.
- 8> Hair dye - The most popular colors were blonde or red.
- 9> To clean the body - The Romans did not have soap, so they used the strigil to clean away dirt, sweat and old skin.
- 10> A women's dress or toga - Men were the only ones to wear togas. A woman would wear a stolas.
- 11> Caesar - As a result, Pompey and his party fled from Italy.
- 12> 50,000 - Building the coliseum required over 400,000 tonnes of stone.
- 13> Laurel leaves - The roman leaders did not want to be compared to kings of the past, so they made their crowns different.
- 14> Wolf - The brothers were suckled by a wolf and fed by a woodpecker.
- 15> Wash clothes - The urine was actually collected from public bathhouses.