

# Life in the Roman Army

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## Summary

This book is about the lives of soldiers during the Roman Empire.

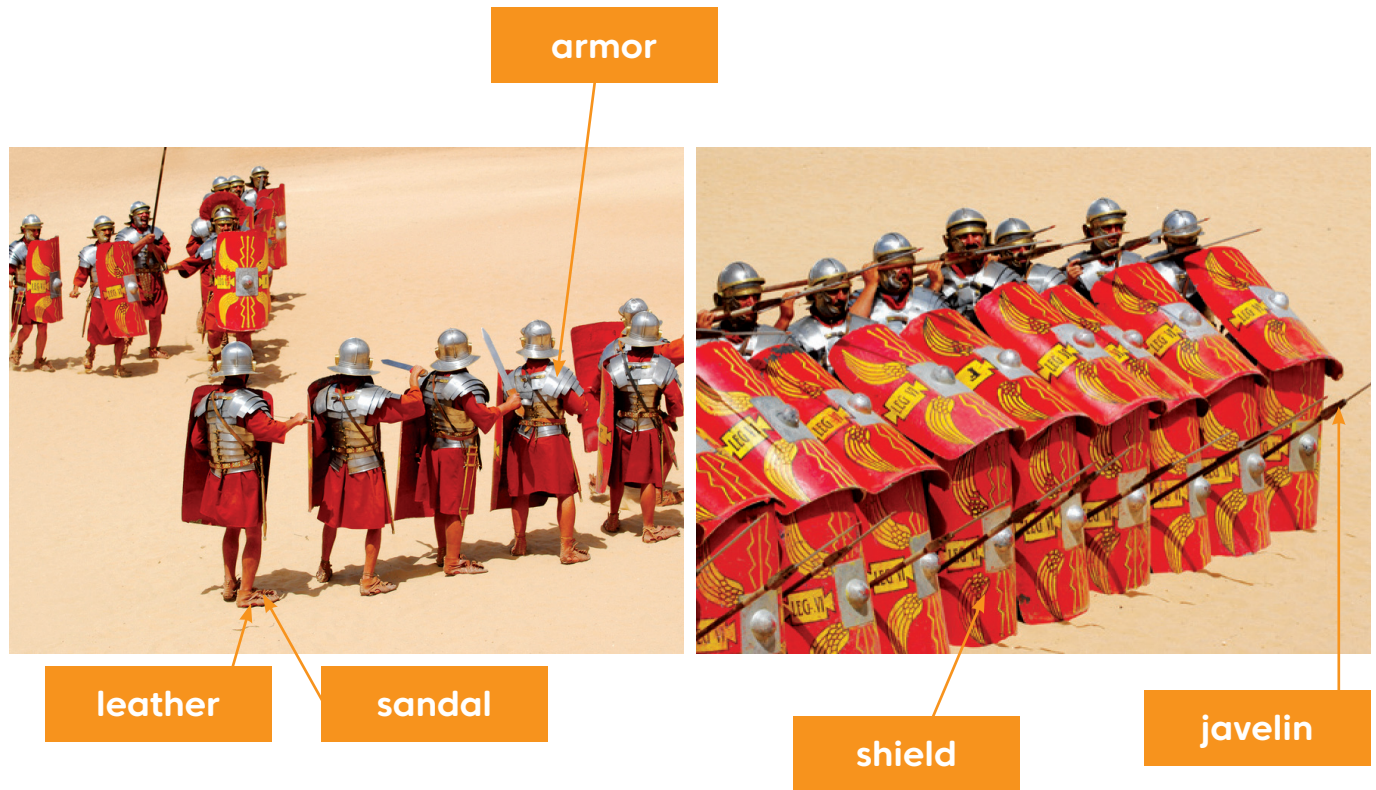
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# Before Reading

## Think Ahead

Look at the pictures and answer the questions.



1. What are the soldier's sandals made of? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the big red and yellow things the soldiers are holding? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What do these soldiers throw at their enemies? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are the soldiers wearing to protect themselves? \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary

## A Read and match.

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• a. sandals

• b. grain

• c. exhausted

• d. fort

• e. amphitheater

• f. Rome

• g. frustrated

• h. aqueduct

**B Write the word for each definition.**

citizen

auxiliary

legion

pension

routine

1. \_\_\_\_\_ money that a person receives after they stop working
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a group of approximately 5,000 soldiers in the Roman army
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a soldier in the Roman army who was not a citizen
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a person who has a legal right to live in a particular country
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the habits and things a person does regularly

**C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.**

1. The Roman general Julius Caesar was respected and admired for his courage.
  - a. distinguished by
  - b. embarrassed by
  - c. exhausted from
  - d. frustrated with
2. Vercingetorix was the leader of the Gauls.
  - a. chieftain
  - b. legionary
  - c. pension
  - d. auxiliary
3. All Roman soldiers lived their lives according to a regular set of activities.
  - a. power
  - b. javelin
  - c. aqueduct
  - d. routine
4. Often, once the Romans were finished with a(n) protected group of buildings, it would become the foundation for a city.
  - a. bank
  - b. armor
  - c. testudo
  - d. fort

## Comprehension

**A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.**

- a. Julius Caesar was loved by the Roman people, but he was not loved by those in power.
- b. Aqueducts were special structures designed to transport water.
- c. The testudo is a special fighting formation named after a turtle.



1. \_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_

**B Choose the best answer.**

1. Why was Vercingetorix such a problem for Caesar?
  - a. He attacked Caesar's army with horses.
  - b. He had money to pay for many other soldiers.
  - c. He knew the correct way to fight Caesar's army.
  - d. He had many soldiers in his army.
2. What was Rome called from 509-27 BC?
 

a. The Roman States	b. Mediterranean Empire
c. Legionary Rome	d. Roman Republic
3. What were the Roman soldiers NOT required to do?
 

a. To dig holes outside the camp	b. To make a wall that protected the camp
c. To build stone camps for the army	d. To carry the equipment for preparing their food

**C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.**

- a. A statue of a famous Roman emperor
- b. A camp that was used for a long period of time
- c. A town where many Romans retired
- d. A famous chieftain who fought Caesar
- e. One of the most famous amphitheaters from Roman times



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2. \_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_

**D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Legionnaires and auxiliaries are volunteer soldiers who can vote.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The Gauls were successful against the Romans by not fighting them directly.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Leaders in the Roman army were usually not important in Roman society.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The Romans built amphitheatres to transport water.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Old legionary soldiers often retired to towns with other legionaries.

**E Complete the sentences with the correct words.**

1. Languages like English, French, and Italian all \_\_\_\_\_ from the language the Romans spoke.  
distinguished descended
2. Soldiers practiced throwing a \_\_\_\_\_ for their battles.  
shield javelin
3. The legionnaires used \_\_\_\_\_ to protect themselves.  
pension armor
4. The legionnaires' sandals were made of \_\_\_\_\_.  
grain leather
5. Soldiers were often \_\_\_\_\_ after walking far each day.  
exhausted distinguished

**F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ A number of people in the Senate attacked and killed Caesar.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Julius Caesar, who would lead the Roman Empire, was born.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ After lasting almost 500 years, the Roman Republic finally ended.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Vercingetorix was defeated in battle against the Romans.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Caesar began a civil war in Italy.

## Think About It

**A** Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
_____ would not fight in a big battle with Caesar. Instead, he let Caesar chase his army.	A clever system used by the soldiers to protect themselves with _____ is the testudo.	In _____ BC, Caesar led his soldiers into Italy and started a civil war.	The Roman Empire included everything around the _____ sea and most of the _____ continent.	Auxiliaries were unable to _____ because they were not Roman citizens.

**B** Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned \_\_\_\_\_

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Before I read this book, I knew \_\_\_\_\_

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Now I also know \_\_\_\_\_

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