**Ancient Rome Entertainment**

**Teacher Overview**

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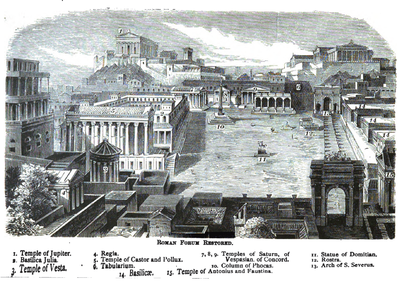
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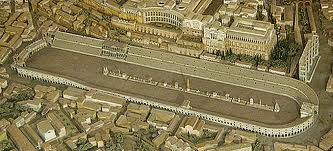


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**The Temples**

Where were they?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the most famous temple? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What was special in the ceiling of this temple? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How often did they did they visit a temple? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Forum**

What was the forum? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Ancient Romans would go to the forum to do their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Forum was also a place for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speaking.

The Forum was also used for festivals and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What did we discuss that was similar to this with the Greeks? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Colosseum**

What was it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How many people could sit in the Colosseum? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

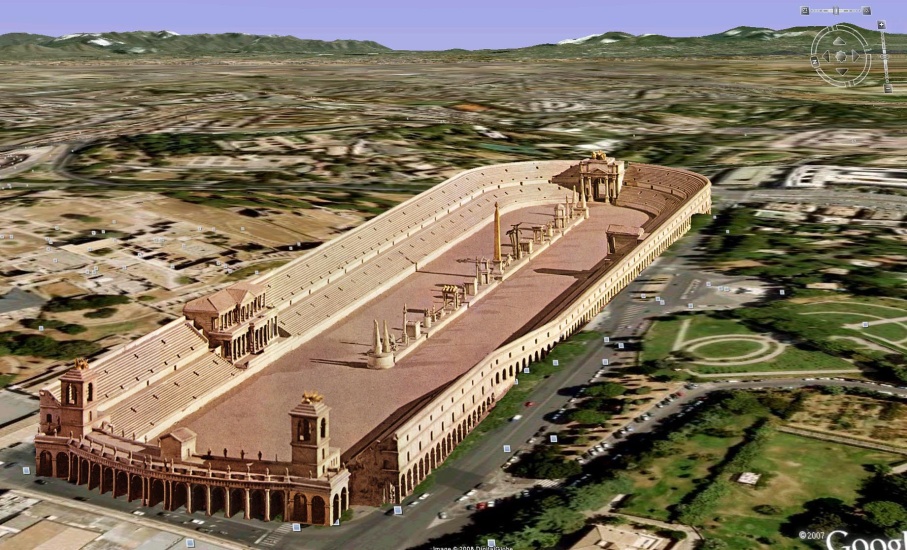
What did the Ancient Romans watch here?

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Sometimes the Romans even \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Colosseum with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to hold naval battles.



**Circus Maximus**

What was the Circus Maximus? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How many people could it seat?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What did the Ancient Romans watch here? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This track was first built from wood and then rebuilt using \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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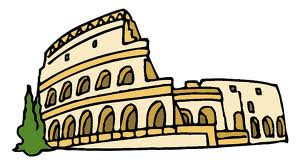
**The Theatre**

Romans loved live theatre. Plays were only performed during \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Where was the wooden platform built for plays? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Like with the Greeks, who performed in the Roman plays? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The actors held up happy or sad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help the audience understand the play.



**The Public Baths**

**True/False** (circle one) The Public Baths in Rome were very popular.

How often did the Romans visit the baths? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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List three things that could be found at the baths. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**The Campus**

Who used to use the Campus? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What river was the Campus near? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Over time, the Campus became Rome’s field and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ playgrounds.

The men gathered at the Campus to play and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ancient Rome Postcard

You have just spent the day visiting Ancient Rome! You were able to visit many of the most popular places in Rome and you learned a lot about the Roman culture. Write a postcard to your best friend and describe your day. You should mention at least **two** places you visited **and** what you did at those places. When you are finished, cut out your postcard and design the front with a picture of where you Ancient Rome.

