

Rome Shapes Today

Read for links between Roman life and the world today.

3.7 “The student will apply history and social science skills to describe the geographic, political, economic, and social structures and innovations of ancient Rome by locating ancient Rome on a map of the world...”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Write 1 beside details about Rome’s location and economy, 2 beside details about government and voting, and 3 beside arts, inventions, or building ideas that influence life today. This will help you sort how Roman life shaped the world.

How Rome Grew

- ① Ancient Rome began on the Italian Peninsula in Europe. The city stood beside the Tiber River and near the Mediterranean Sea. The river gave people fresh water and a route for travel. The sea connected Rome to other lands. Farmers grew grapes, olives, and wheat in nearby areas. Traders carried these goods by river and sea, helping Rome’s economy grow.
- ② Rome was a republic, a government in which citizens chose leaders. Roman male citizens voted for officials, who made decisions for the people. This is an early example of representative democracy. However, women, enslaved people, and many others could not vote. Romans also built roads, bridges, and aqueducts. Aqueducts carried water to cities. Straight roads helped soldiers and traders travel across the growing Roman lands.
- ③ Roman artists made mosaics from tiny colored stones and painted pictures on walls. Romans used arches, columns, and domes in buildings. The Colosseum was a huge arena with many arches. Public baths and temples showed Roman building skill. Roman ideas still influence the world today. You can see arches and columns on some schools, museums, and government buildings. Roads and water systems also use ideas developed by Romans.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Rome's river and nearby sea help its economy grow?

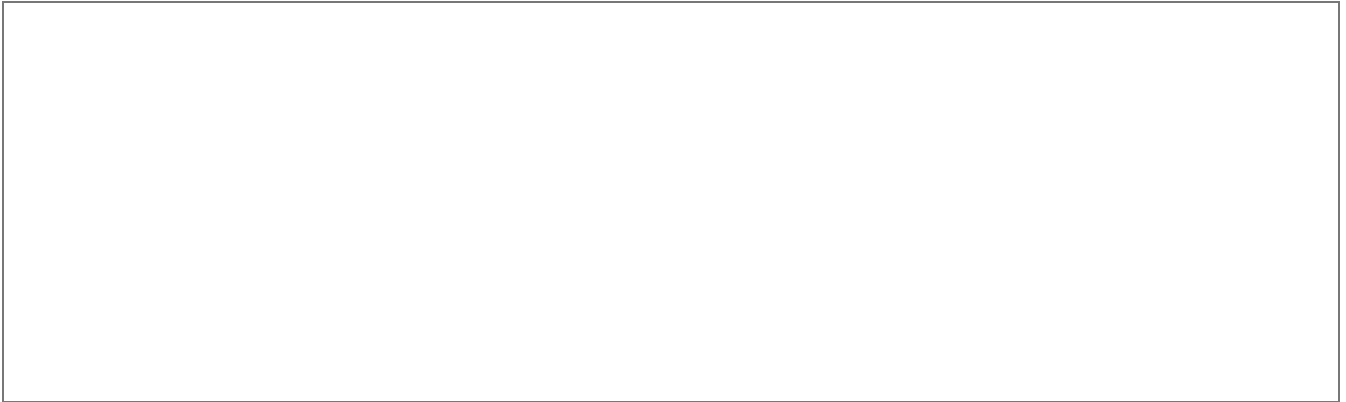
2 Why was Rome an early example of representative democracy? Who could not vote?

3 How did roads help Romans, and how did aqueducts help Romans?

4 Name two Roman building features that can still be seen on some buildings today.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Draw a community building that uses an arch, columns, or a dome. Label the Roman feature, then write two sentences explaining how your building uses a Roman idea and how it helps people.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Write 1 beside details about Rome's location and economy, 2 beside details about government and voting, and 3 beside arts, inventions, or building ideas that influence life today. This will help you sort how Roman life shaped the world. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Rome's river and nearby sea help its economy grow?	The Tiber River gave people water and a travel route. The Mediterranean Sea connected Rome to other lands, so traders could carry goods.
2	Why was Rome an early example of representative democracy? Who could not vote?	Roman male citizens voted for officials who made decisions for the people. Women, enslaved people, and many others could not vote.
3	How did roads help Romans, and how did aqueducts help Romans?	Roads helped soldiers and traders travel. Aqueducts carried water to cities.
4	Name two Roman building features that can still be seen on some buildings today.	Arches and columns.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Drawing labels: arch, columns The library uses Roman arches and columns. These features support the front of the building and show a Roman idea still used today.

Accept answers that connect the river or sea to travel and trade, and that explain voting for officials as representative democracy. For the drawing, accept any accurately labeled Roman feature with two sentences that explain a useful connection to a modern community building.