

Roman Investigations: Culture

Purpose:

Sometimes, the study of an important period of history becomes a list of facts, vocabulary, famous people, and wars. While these are important, it is also important to learn about how the people of a particular time and place lived and what they invented or created. This is a group assignment that will enable you to gain a better understanding of ordinary Romans. You will also learn to check facts by consulting different sources of information.

Assigned Source:

MsSWork: Humanities Work Sites: Roman Investigations or
<http://www.camelot-intl.com/romans/index.html>

Note: This site is part of a commercial site for a British Travel Agency. Some of the information on the Romans will be related to locations in Britain which was part of the Roman Empire. The references to British locations are not important for this assignment.

Assignment: What to do...

Each group will investigate an assigned topic.

1. Each group member will read and take notes on the assigned web source information for your topic.**
2. Each group member will also consult and take notes on two other sources of information to confirm or refute information found in the assigned web source. These two sources can be print sources from the library or other web sources. A good directory of sites-- *NM's Creative Impulse*--can be found on the Humanities Web Sites page of Ms. S. Work.
3. Each group will prepare a Power Point study guide for the class.
4. Using your Power Point study guide, each group will prepare and present a short oral report for the class. This oral report may not be simply a reading of the Power Point slides.
5. Each group will prepare a visual aid (poster, model, diorama, etc.) that illustrates an important aspect or theme relating to your topic. See the extra handout on visual aids.

**Remember that the purpose of consulting other sources is to back up or challenge what the assigned web source says.

Assignment: What to hand in...

1. Individually--your own personal notes from your resources. Highlighting photocopied information is *not* an acceptable form of notes for this assignment.
2. Group--Power Point study guide for your topic.
3. Group--one visual aid.
4. Group--one word processed bibliography listing all the sources used by the group. This must follow the MLA format which can be found in *Writers Inc.* or your style sheets.

Topics:

Group 1: Roman Army

Group 5: Roman Technology

Group 2: Roman Baths

Group 6: Roman Diet

Group 3: Roman Entertainment

Group 7: Roman Villas

Group 4: Roman Women