

Guide to Holding a Rome Day Event

Hosting a Rome Day event at your school or co-op (or in collaboration with other homeschool families) is a great way for students to review what they have learned in their study of Roman history! Appendix H in *The Curious Historian Level 2B* provides details for how to organize multiple learning stations, and that guide includes a short supply list for each activity. Here is a convenient master list that compiles all the supplies you may need for a Rome Day. Download it, print it, check it off, and, best of all, share it with your helpers.

Master Supply List

Name Tags

- Paper name tags or stickers, one per child
- Markers

Costumes

- Oversize white T-shirts, or king-size white pillowcases that have been cut for the head and arms
- ¼ yard thin fabric for sash (for each costume)
- 1 yard per costume of gold cording or rope for belt

Booklets

- Paper
- Staples
- Construction paper or more durable paper for cover

Décor

Note: These ideas can be for the feast setting but also for other spaces where students will gather.

- Gold tablecloths to cover the buffet tables
- Clear plastic wine glasses or goblets for beverages
- Paper plates
- Plasticware
- Napkins
- Plastic ivy and fake candles for centerpieces
- Pictures of columns, ivy, busts of famous Romans, or famous landmarks in Rome (the Colosseum, Parthenon, Arch of Constantine, etc.) to hang on the walls (Roman-themed backdrops are also available for purchase on Amazon.)
- Papier-mâché elephants to display (could be made in advance by students) (For instructions, see <http://capress.link/tch2bapph08>.)
- Catapults to display (could be made in advance by students and/or parents). (For a simple design that could be constructed by students, see <http://capress.link/tch2bapph09>. For a more complicated design, see <http://capress.link/tch2bapph10>.)

Roman Standards

(Note: These supplies are based on the instructions at <http://capress.link/tch2bapph11>. But there are other designs you can choose from at <http://capress.link/tch2bapph12> and <http://capress.link/tch2bapph13>.)

- Fabric, roughly 24 inches by 18 inches but can vary (one piece for each standard/team)
- Roll of aluminum foil
- Eagles, cut out from paper plates ahead of time
- A stick, cane, or cardboard roll (one for each standard)
- Ribbon, wool, or tassels to put on standards as fringe
- Clear masking or duct tape
- Construction paper for students to add their team's name to their standard
- Markers
- Scissors

Roman Numerals Station

- Non-hardening modeling clay (plasticine) for the tablets
- Poster board or thin cardboard to place the tablets on
- Chopsticks or pencils to write the Roman numerals on the clay tablets

Roman Bath Station

- 8-oz. jars with lids
- Olive oil
- Mild shampoo or liquid castile soap
- Essential oils
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Paper towels
- Funnels for pouring
- Stickers and markers for name labels

Mosaic Station

- Drawing paper that is the same size as the student booklets
- Assorted colors of paper precut into small pieces
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Pencils
- Wax paper
- Stapler
- Templates, premade samples, and examples of simple mosaic designs, printed out for the students to use as a guide or inspiration (For some examples, see <http://capress.link/tch2bapph14> and <http://capress.link/tch2bapph15>. For examples of real Roman mosaics, see <http://capress.link/tch2bapph16>.)

Roman Games Station

- 5 small bones from chicken wings or steak that have been cleaned¹
- A small ball
- 6 game pieces (rocks, dry beans, checker pieces, etc.)
- A printed Rota diagram (You can find one at either of these links: <http://capress.link/tch2bapph05> or <http://capress.link/tch2bapph06>.)

(See also these instructions for playing Roman Games such as Micatio [<http://capress.link/tch2bapph04>], knucklebones, and Rota [<http://capress.link/tch2bapph05> or <http://capress.link/tch2bapph06>].)

Accessories Station

- Preprinted and cut helmets (For printable helmet templates, see <http://capress.link/tch2bapph18>.)
- Markers or crayons
- Tape or a stapler
- Precut paper plates
- Precut laurel leaves in green paper (For the laurel wreaths, see <http://capress.link/tch2bapph19>.)
- Glue sticks

Photo Booth Station

- Materials to decorate a bulletin board
- Foam board
- Roman-themed props (You can find some printable props at <http://capress.link/tch2bapph20>.)
- Camera or phone for parent volunteer to take pictures

Roman Feast

Examples of food to include:

- Olives
- Cucumber slices
- Caesar salad
- Italian or focaccia bread
- Hard-boiled eggs
- Cubed cheese
- Chicken
- Salami
- Grapes
- Dates
- Figs
- Grape juice or water
- Roman Libum (honey cakes) (You can find a recipe at <http://capress.link/tch2bapph21>.)

1. For an alternative to real bones, you can purchase plastic “osselets” (<http://capress.link/tch2bapph17>) or simply use traditional jacks.

Recess with Roman Games

Trigon

- Soft or foam balls or large bean bags

Hoop-Rolling

- Hula hoops
- Long dowel rods or sticks

Circus Maximus Races

- Stick horses

Roman-Road Dessert

These ingredients should be divided into individual Ziploc bags so that each bag contains everything a student needs to make these desserts.

- Ziploc bags
- Clear plastic cups
- Plastic spoons
- Granola or crushed nuts for the “rubble”
- Fig bars for the “concrete”
- Cookies & Cream Hershey bars for the mixture of sand, gravel, and cement
- Star Crunch cookies or grapes for the big “stones”
- Oreo cookies for the “lava stones”

Aqueduct Challenge

- Long cardboard tubes (from rolls of wrapping paper)
- Scissors
- Aluminum foil
- Masking tape
- Empty boxes of various sizes (such as Jell-O boxes, cake mix boxes, cereal boxes, etc.)
- Water or marbles
- Pitchers
- Bowls (if testing inside)