

Project Passport History Based Activity Study:

ANCIENT Rome

Scope and Sequence

Grades: 3rd – 8th

Ancient Rome offers an in-depth, hands-on view of the history of the ancient Romans, a people that conquered the world without breaking a sweat and then proceeded to organize and order their conquests for centuries afterward. Students investigate the everyday life of the Roman people, learn about their ancient social classes, family life, what they ate, what they wore, where they lived, etc. They also study ancient Roman architecture, literature, medicine, law, philosophy, government, religion, and much more. In addition, they study the chronological history of the ancient Romans as they rise from a tiny city-state to become the Roman Republic. From there they collapse, only to come back even stronger as the Roman Empire, which in its turn was eventually engulfed in by barbarian invasions, leading to the Dark Ages. The unit is designed to teach students through kinesthetic means, utilizing the senses and motor skills. Where younger students may need more guidance and assistance with the projects, older students should be able to handle the majority of the unit independently. Each lesson contains text and a generous amount of projects providing flexibility of choice to fit each range of grade levels. This is done with the understanding that not all of the projects are required to be completed, a factor that varies with each situation and is also heavily influenced by the age of the students. One lesson also does not necessarily constitute one day — although many can be done in a day, projects chosen will determine the length of each lesson. In addition, a series of dramatized audio tours are included that allow the students to stroll through the city of Rome, witness the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, attend a secret meeting of the persecuted Christian church, and meet with heroes like Horatius Cocles and Scipio Africanus as well visit as a number of other locations and events. Finally, there is an additional resource list of books, videos, and audio to add to the study if desired.

Key:

- Italics indicates title for a text lesson in the unit
- Asterisk indicates a project
- Parentheses contains number of the lesson it can be found in

I. History / Social Studies (Cultural Studies)

- a. “Snapshot Moments in History” Timeline (1-8, 10-12, 14,17-24)*
- b. *Laying the Foundation (Packing for the Trip)* (1)
 - i. Aeneas (1)
 - ii. Romulus and Remus (1)*
- c. *Out with the Kings, in with the Republic!* (2)
 - i. The beginning of the Roman Republic (2)
 - ii. Roman caste system (2)
 1. Patricians (2)
 2. Plebeians (2)
 3. Equites (2)
 - iii. The Roman government (2)
 1. Consuls (2)
 2. The Senate (2)

- 3. The Assemblies (2)
 - 4. The Tribunes (2)
 - iv. Senatus Populusque Romanus (2)
- d. *More than Just a City* (3)
 - i. Fan Deck of People of Interest: “Notable Romans” (3)*
 - ii. 390 B.C. Gallic sack of Rome (3)*
 - iii. Roman conquest of Italy (3)*
 - iv. Early Roman Legends (Radio Theater) (3)
- e. *A Mediterranean Power* (4)
 - i. The Punic Wars (4)*
 - ii. Roman conquest of Greece (4)
 - iii. Scipio Africanus (Radio Theater) (4)
- f. *The Republic Begins to Falter* (5)
 - i. Tiberius and Gaius Gracchus (5)
 - ii. Gaius Marius (5)
 - iii. Sulla (5)
 - iv. The Cursus Honorum (5)*
 - v. SPQR (5)*
- g. *Julius Caesar and the Fall of the Republic* (6)
 - i. Julius Caesar (6)
 - ii. The First Triumvirate (6)
 - iii. The Gallic Wars (6)
 - iv. Roman Propaganda (6)*
 - v. Crossing the Rubicon River (Radio Theater) (6)
- h. *Everyday Life – Part I* (7)
 - i. The Roman Domus
 - ii. Roman clothing (7)
 - iii. Roman food (7)
 - iv. Roman houses (7)
- i. *Everyday Life – Part II* (8)
 - i. Roman Family (8)
 - ii. Roman Jobs (8)
 - iii. Roman Citizenship (8)
 - iv. Roman Entertainment (8)
 - v. Roman Death and Funerals (8)
 - vi. The Colosseum (8)*
 - vii. Jobs in Ancient Rome (8)*
 - viii. The Caste System (8)*
- j. *Business, Taxes, and Coins* (9)
 - i. Roman Agriculture (9)
 - ii. Roman Industry and Commerce (9)
 - iii. Roman Coinage and Taxes (9)
 - iv. Roman Roads (9)*
 - v. Roman Currency (9)*
- k. *Law and Philosophy* (10)
 - i. Roman law (10)
 - ii. Roman Crime and Punishment (10)
 - iii. Roman Philosophy (10)
 - iv. The Twelve Tables (10)*
 - v. The Roman Forum (Radio Theater) (10)
- l. *Education, Oration, and Literature* (11)
 - i. Roman education (11)

- ii. Roman literature (11)
 - iii. Roman Literature (11)*
- m. *Science and Medicine* (12)
 - i. Roman science (12)
 - ii. The Roman calendar (12)
 - iii. Roman health and medicine (12)
 - iv. Spa Brochure: “The Thermae of Caracalla” (12)*
 - v. Roman Numerals (12)*
- n. *The Arts* (13)
 - i. Roman sculpting (13)
 - ii. Roman theater, acting, and music (13)
- o. *Architecture and Transportation* (14)
 - i. The Roman Forum (14)
 - ii. Aqueducts (14)
 - iii. Roman Roads (14)
 - iv. Roman Architecture (14)*
 - v. “A Day at the Races” (Radio Theater) (14)
- p. *Religion* (15)
 - i. Roman Mythology (15)*
- q. *Warfare* (16)
 - i. The Roman army (16)
 - ii. Roman Legions (16)
 - iii. Armor, Weapons, and Warfare (16)*
- r. *Augustus and the Empire* (17)
 - i. Augustus (17)
 - ii. The Pax Romana (17)*
 - iii. The Battle of Actium (Radio Theater) (17)*
- s. *The Julio Claudian Emperors* (18)
 - i. Emperor Tiberius Caesar (18)
 - ii. Emperor Caligula (18)
 - iii. Emperor Claudius (18)
 - iv. Emperor Nero (18)
 - v. The Pax Romana Emperors (Part 1): The Julio-Claudians (18)*
- t. *The Year of the Four Emperors and the Flavians* (19)
 - i. The Year of the Four Emperors (19)
 - ii. Emperor Vespasian (19)
 - iii. Emperor Titus (19)
 - iv. Emperor Domitian (19)
 - v. The Pax Romana Emperors (Part 2): The Year of the Four Emperors and The Flavians (19)*
 - vi. Pompeii (Radio Theater) (19)
- u. *The Five Good Emperors* (20)
 - i. Emperor Nerva (20)
 - ii. Emperor Trajan (20)
 - iii. Emperor Hadrian (20)
 - iv. Emperor Antoninus Pius (20)
 - v. Emperor Marcus Aurelius (20)
 - vi. The Pax Romana Emperors (Part 3): The Five Good Emperors (20)*
- v. *Too Many Emperors to Count* (21)
 - i. Emperor Commodus (21)
 - ii. The Severan Dynasty (21)
 - iii. The Crisis of the Third Century (21)

- iv. Emperor Diocletian (21)
- w. *From Constantine to the Barbarian Invasions* (22)
 - i. Emperor Constantine (22)
 - ii. Barbarian Invasions (22)
 - 1. The Goths (22)
 - 2. The Huns (22)
 - 3. The Vandals (22)
 - iii. The Founding of Constantinople (22)*
- x. *Rome and the Bible* (23)
 - i. Romans in the Bible (23)
 - ii. The Romans and the Jews (23)
 - iii. The Romans and the Christians (23)
 - iv. Paul and the Early Church (23)*
 - v. Visiting the early church (Radio Theater) (23)
- y. *And What Happened After?* (24)
 - i. Roman Archaeology (24)
 - ii. File Folder Game: “All Roads Lead to Rome” (24)*
- z. *Final Stop – Packing up!* (25)
 - i. Assembling the Lap Book (25)*

II. Language

- a. Creative Writing
 - i. “The Roman Tribune” Newspaper (2-8, 10-14, 16-24)*
 - ii. “Wish You Were Here...” Postcard Greetings (3-6, 12, 17-24)*
 - iii. Lapbook (Created throughout study and assembled in Lesson 25)*
- b. Reading
 - i. (*Lesson texts*)
 - ii. Additional reading from Suggested Reading List – Optional
 - iii. The Seven Kings of Rome Booklet (2)*
 - iv. Early Roman Legends Booklet (3)*
- c. Languages and Terminology
 - i. The Latin Language (11)
 - ii. Latin Roots! (11)*
 - iii. File Folder Game “All Roads Lead to Rome” (24)*

III. Geography

- a. Map of Early Italy (1, 3)*
- b. Early Italian People Groups (1)
- c. Mapping Rome’s Conquests (4, 6, 17, 20)*
- d. Map of Roman Roads (9)*
- e. Map of the Crisis of the Third Century (21)*

IV. The Arts

- a. Lapbook (Created throughout study and assembled in Lesson 25)
- b. Souvenir Craft Card: "Clothing for the Roman Man" (7)*
- c. Souvenir Craft Card: "Clothing for the Roman Woman" (7)*
- d. Dining Out Guide (7)*
- e. Roman Clothing & Accessories (7)*
- f. Souvenir Craft Card: "Build a Roman Road" (9)*
- g. Souvenir Craft Card: "The Curia Julia (Senate House)" (10)*
- h. Souvenir Craft Card: "Make a Mosaic" (13)*
- i. Souvenir Craft Card: "Entertainment at the Hippodrome!" (14)*
- j. Souvenir Craft Card: "Make an Aqueduct" (14)*
- k. Souvenir Craft Card: "Be a Roman Legionary!" (16)*
- l. Souvenir Craft Card: "Make a Shield & Pilum" (16)*
- m. Souvenir Craft Card: "Make a Legionary Helmet" (16)*
- n. Souvenir Craft Card: "The Destruction of Pompeii" (19)*
- o. Souvenir Craft Card: "Trajan's Column" (20)*