

**I. Website #1: The Roman Forum Project from the VROMA Webpage**

<http://www.vroma.org/~forum/forum.html>

**Directions:** Using the link listed above, click on the link for each location and answer the questions that follow.

***The Via Sacra***

1. What was the significance of the Via Sacra?
2. What type of special parades took place on the Via Sacra?

***The Lapis Niger***

3. What is contained on the *lapis niger*?
4. Why was the *Lapis Niger* venerated by the Romans?

***The Curia***

5. What was a *curia*? Who built the first one?
6. Who began to rebuild the *curia* in 44 B.C.? In whose reign was it later restored?

***The Arch of Titus***

7. What victory did the Arch of Titus celebrate?
8. Name two of the relief sculptures on the Arch of Titus.
9. Who copied the arch of Titus? What is the name of his version?

***Atrium Vestae ("The House of the Vestals")***

10. Who qualified to be a Vestal Virgin? How old were they when they were chosen? What vow did they take?
11. How long did their period of service last? Into what three phases was it divided?
12. What was the first duty of a Vestal Virgin?
13. Name four special privileges of a vestal virgin.

***The Temple of Vesta***

14. Who is said to have built the Temple of Vesta?
15. What two things were contained in the Temple of Vesta?
16. Who ordered the Temple of Vesta closed? Why?

### ***Temple of Castor and Pollux***

17. Of whom were Castor and Pollux the Sons?
18. What did Castor and Pollux do in the Battle of Lake Regillus against the Latins?

### ***Basilica Julia***

19. Who began construction on the Basilica Julia? In what year was it dedicated?
20. What was housed in the Basilica Julia? What was its primary purpose?

### ***Templum Saturni***

21. What was guarded within the Temple of Saturn?

### ***Rostra***

22. What was the function of the *rostra*?
23. How did the *rostra* receive its name?

## **II. A Virtual Tour of the Colosseum – From BBC**

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/launch\\_ani\\_colosseum.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/launch_ani_colosseum.shtml)

**Directions:** Visit the website listed above. Click on the link called “Launch the Animation.” Click play, then scroll down to read the description.

24. By what name was the Colosseum known in antiquity?
25. On what land was the Colosseum built?
26. Why does the article call the Colosseum a “symbol of Roman military might?”

*(Note: Once You Finish With the Background Questions, Begin Clicking on the Different Parts of the Diagram, then answer the questions based on the description.)*

### ***The Substructure***

27. What was kept in the substructure of the Colosseum? How were these items brought up?
28. If the story about flooding the Colosseum is true, what does that tell us about when the substructure was built?

### ***The Arena***

29. What covered the Colosseum floor? Why?
30. Name two other types of “entertainment” besides gladiatorial combats.

### ***Seating and Society***

31. What was the capacity of the Colosseum? How were seats assigned?
32. Where was the imperial box located?

### ***The Plan***

33. What shape is the Colosseum? Why?

34. Where were gladiatorial combats held before the Colosseum was built?

### ***The Circulation System***

35. How many tiers of arches did the Colosseum have? How many entrances?

36. How did the Colosseum's structure help occur that seating occurred by social class?

### ***The Awnings***

37. What does the notice *vela erunt* mean?

38. What is all that is left from the original awning?

39. Who operated the awning?

### **III. The Circus Maximus – From the VRoma Project**

<http://www.vroma.org:7878/176/>

**Directions:** Visit the Website listed above. Click on the links, then answer the questions.

#### ***The Track***

40. How many laps was a race? What was

#### ***The Turning Posts***

41. What is the Latin for turning posts?

42. What sorts of objects were used for the lap counters?

#### ***The Barrier***

43. What are the two Latin terms for the barrier?

44. What sorts of decorations were on top of the barrier?

45. What towered above all of these other decorations? Where were these from?

#### ***The Starting Gates***

46. What is the Latin term for starting gates?

47. Who were gate positions assigned? How did they ensure all chariots traveled the same distance?

#### ***Stands***

48. What was unique about the seating arrangements at the Circus Maximus compared to other venues?

49. What other sorts activities went on at the Circus Maximus besides the races?

### ***Charioteers and Racing Factions***

50. What are the two Latin terms for charioteers?

51. What was the term for Chariot racing teams? How were they identified?

52. From what sort of backgrounds did most charioteers originally come? What sort of fame could they achieve?

### **IV. A Virtual Tour of the Baths of Caracalla – From PBS, Nova:**

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/lostempires/roman/day.html>

**Directions:** Visit the links listed below and answer the questions that follow.

#### ***The Entrance***

53. In addition to bathing, what sort of activities took place at a Roman bath?

54. What was the size of the Baths of Caracalla? The capacity?

#### ***The Palestra***

55. What was a Palestra? For What did Romans use it?

#### ***Apodyterium***

56. What was the purpose of an apodyterium? How were goods kept safe?

#### ***Caldarium***

57. What was the Caldarium?

58? What was a hypocaust?

59. How did a hypocaust work?

#### ***Frigidarum***

60. What was the frigidarium?

### **V. Optional Assignments**

A panoramic tour of the Colosseum:

[http://www.panoramicearth.com/305/Rome/Colosseum\\_of\\_Rome](http://www.panoramicearth.com/305/Rome/Colosseum_of_Rome)

A panoramic tour of the Circus Maximus:

[http://www.panoramicearth.com/314/Rome/Circus\\_Maximus\\_-\\_Via\\_del\\_Circo\\_Massimo](http://www.panoramicearth.com/314/Rome/Circus_Maximus_-_Via_del_Circo_Massimo)

A panoramic tour of the Forum:

[http://www.panoramicearth.com/324/Rome/Roman\\_Forum\\_%28Forum\\_Magnum%29](http://www.panoramicearth.com/324/Rome/Roman_Forum_%28Forum_Magnum%29)

A Circus maximus model on you tube:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgIxSS\\_UJZQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgIxSS_UJZQ)