

Ancient Rome

Ancient Rome was a city in Italy that started out very small more than 2,500 years ago with only some shepherds. It grew until it was a powerful empire that ruled many countries. The Roman Empire ruled most of the world that was known at that time. Roman soldiers were very good fighters and were feared by many people.

The Roman Empire made all the countries it conquered live under its laws and its government. Sometimes, Romans took some of the people back to Rome as slaves. The empire had different types of government during its long reign, but one type of ruler was the Caesar. The Caesar had control over everything and everyone.

There were many different languages spoken in the Ancient Roman Empire, but the language of the Romans was Latin. From that language, many of the languages of today grew, such as French, Spanish, and Italian.

The Romans were very skillful builders. They built roads to many parts of the known world. Some of those roads are still being used today. The Romans also built bridges and aqueducts. Aqueducts were large brick and stone waterways that carried water to the towns and cities that needed it. The Romans also made many beautiful works of art. You can still see some of them in museums in Rome today.

The Romans also enjoyed sports and games. Some of the games were very dangerous, like the chariot races. The rich also liked to relax and be spoiled. They had public gyms called baths where they could exercise and then get a massage and be waited on by slaves.

After more than one thousand years, the Roman Empire fell. It was too big, and even Rome couldn't control it all any more. It took so long to get messages from one end of the empire to soldiers and people in the other end of the empire, that Rome couldn't keep the empire working any more. It divided into many smaller countries with their own cultures and ways of government.

