



Chapter 37

The Legacy of Rome in the Modern World



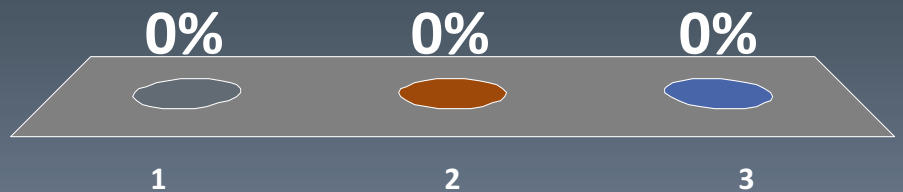
Essential Questions

- What defines a legacy?
- In what ways has the legacy of the ancient Roman Empire impacted the development of the modern world?

A legacy is something we inherit that impacts our life



1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure



What is Rome's legacy?

- “Rome perished, yet it lived on.”
- The Roman legacy impacts:
 - Architecture
 - Art
 - Engineering
 - Language
 - Philosophy
 - Law and Justice



Which legacy of ancient Rome do you think is most important?

1. Art
2. Architecture
3. Engineering
4. Philosophy
5. Law and justice

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Architecture

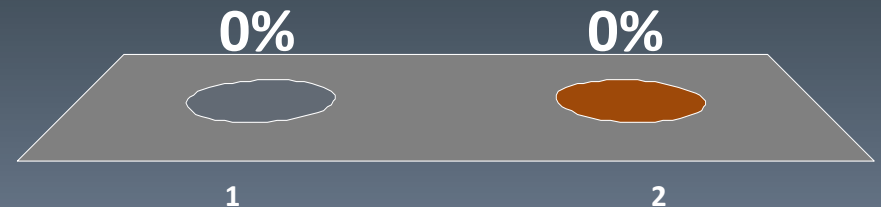
- Roman builders learned from Etruscans and Greeks
- First to make widespread the use of concrete
 - Mastered **vaults** and **domes**
- Invented the stadium
- Developed the **triumphal arch**

United States Capitol Building (Congress)

Concrete allowed the Romans to make larger buildings

1. Yes

2. No



Arc de Triomphe (Paris, France)

Completed- 1836 AD

Inside



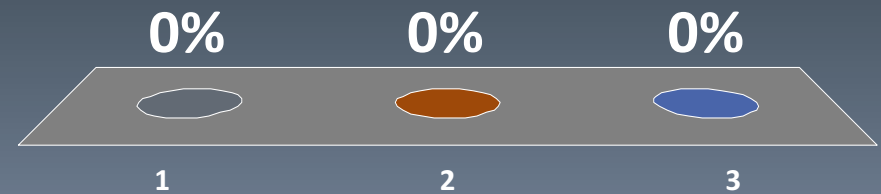
Outside



The Romans inspired arches of celebration.



1. Yes
2. No
3. Not Sure



Examples of Arches



Art

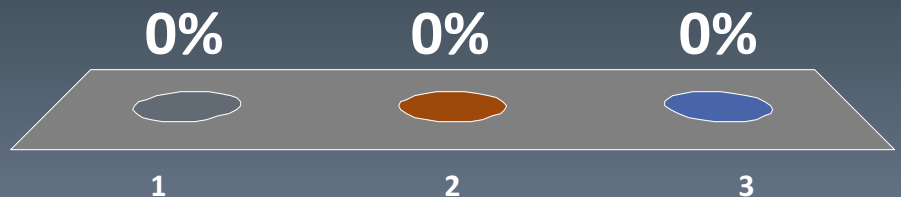


- Roman art was influenced by the Greeks (**Greco-Roman** art)
- Imitated Greek sculpture
- Created realistic, lifelike statues
- Great sponsors of art
- Decorative arts - Mosaic, Fresco
- Developed the arts of gem cutting and metal-working

Mosaics can only be found in Italy



1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure



Engineering



Built nearly 53,000 miles of roads

- Used layers of stone, sand and gravel
- Their techniques set the standard of road building for 2,000 years

Aqueducts

- Did not invent them, but improved them
- Brought water from about 60 miles away from Rome
- Segovia, Spain still uses an ancient Roman aqueduct
- Aqueduct arches can still be found in Europe, North Africa, and Asia Minor

All Roads Lead to Rome means:

1. The only place you could travel in the Roman Empire was Rome.
2. Expression that means everything in the Roman empire had to be done the Roman way.
3. Roads were essential for the operating the Roman Empire

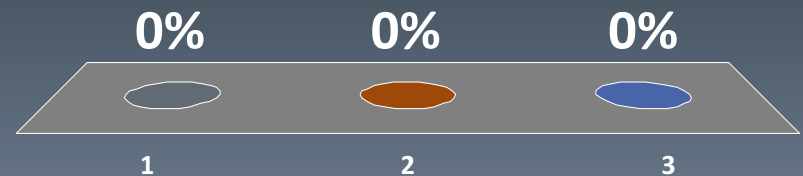
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Roman aqueducts are the inspiration for how cities like NYC and LA get their water.

1. Yes

2. No

3. Abstain



Language

- We use the Latin alphabet
- Many words come from Latin
- Even Latin proverbs are popular
 - *E pluribus unum* “Out of many, one.”
 - Traditional motto of the USA
- Italian, Spanish and French were directly developed from Latin
 - English has some Latin influence and heavy influence from French after 1066 AD

E pluribus unum



Language (Cont.)



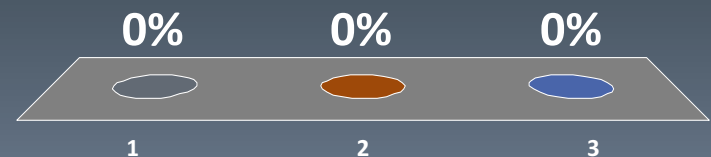
- Calendar months
 - August honors Caesar Augustus
 - Sept. – Dec. mean 7th-10th month in Latin
- Prefixes
 - “Re” – back, again
 - “Sub” – under, less than, inferior to
 - “Pre” – before
- Roman Numerals
 - (I, V, X, L, C, M)

Latin is know as a dead language
because it is not spoken anywhere
in the world today

1. Yes

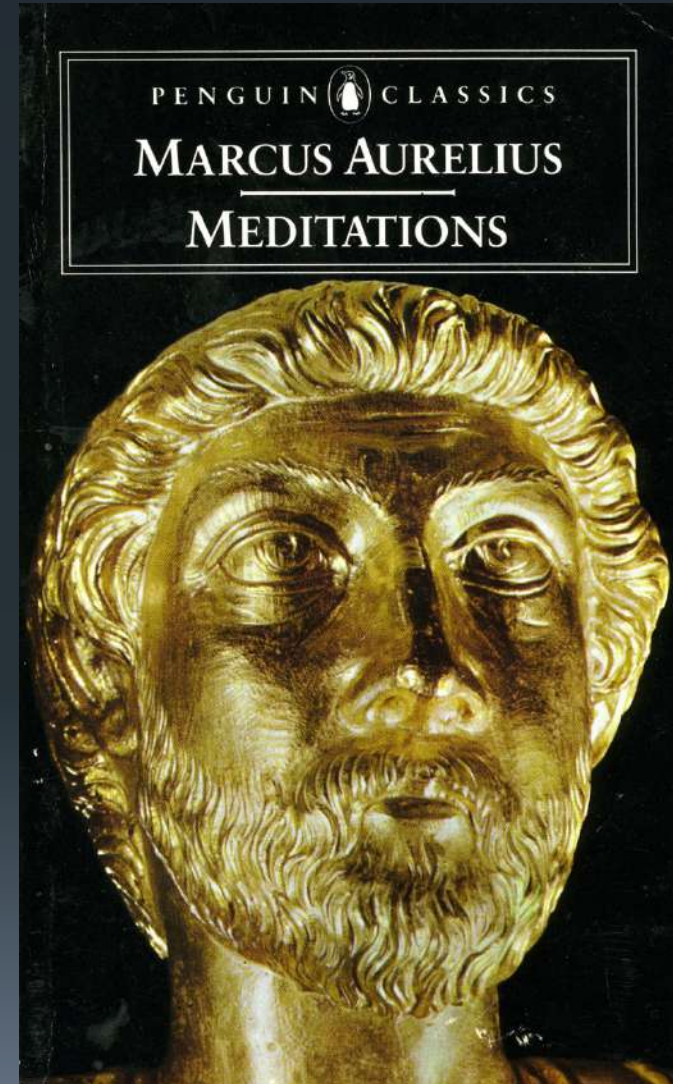
2. No

3. Not Sure



Philosophy

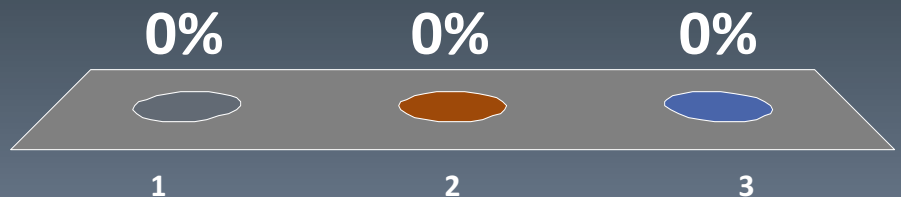
- **Stoicism** - a belief that a divine intelligence rules all of nature
 - Founded in Greece, adopted by Romans
 - Self-control and courage were virtues
 - Welfare of the community above personal comfort
- The most famous Roman Stoic was emperor Marcus Aurelius
 - He wrote a book called “To Himself”, now known as *Meditations*
 - “Do not worry if you encounter ungratefulness, insults, disloyalty, or selfishness. If you think and act rightly, none of these things can hurt you.”



Today we call someone who deals with great pain bravely and quietly “stoic”



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2. No
3. Not sure



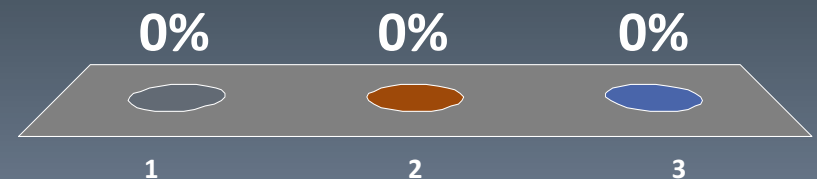
Law and Justice



- Roman laws covered:
 - Marriages
 - Inheritances
 - Contracts (agreements)
- Modern law codes in France and Italy are based in part on ancient Roman laws
- Romans believed that there was a universal law of justice that came from nature
 - In reality, not everyone was always treated fairly
- Modern-day judges make decisions based on ideals and law

People today generally believe that all human beings have basic rights that no law can take away

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not Sure





Essential Understanding

The Roman Empire affected the development and existence of the modern world in many ways. The fields of architecture, art, engineering, language, philosophy, and law and justice were particularly influenced. Even 1,500 years later we can see the physical, cultural, and mental impact of one of the greatest empires in world history. Its legacy helped form the modern world and will impact our future.

Where are you?

1. One
2. Two
3. Three
4. Four
5. Five

