

***Life for the Ancient Romans Internet Activity***

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Directions: Go to [www.baumansworld.com](http://www.baumansworld.com) and click on World History. Click on The Roman Empire: 1<sup>st</sup> Century, then Enter and answer the following questions.

**Social Order:**

1. What elements were used to establish social status in Roman Society?
2. How did clothing play a factor in identifying the status of a person?
3. Describe the Patronage system:
4. How did the strict class system begin to change in first century Rome?

**Patricians**

5. Describe the role of the Patrician class in society:
6. What was the typical education for a boy born to the Patrician class?
7. What are the perks to being in the Patrician class?

**Senators**

8. Who could become a Roman Senator?
9. What were the privileges of being a Senator?
10. During the time of the Empire, what was the role of the Senate?

**Equestrians**

11. Why the name?
12. Describe the role of this group and how high they could rise in social class.

**Plebeians**

13. Who was in this group?
14. What type of rights and power did they have?
15. Describe the idea of “bread and circuses.”

## **Slaves & Freeman**

16. How did one become a slave?
17. Explain how were slaves treated?
18. What types of jobs were slaves used for most often?
19. Explain “manumission.”

## **Soldiers**

20. What kinds of skills and knowledge would a soldier have?
21. Roman soldiers were very loyal, but to whom and why?

## **Women**

22. What type of rights did a woman have?
23. What types of jobs/roles was a woman to play?
24. While a woman had no legal power, how could she exert power in others ways?

## **On the Frontiers**

25. What is the “Pax Romana” and how did it work in these areas?
26. How did the use of “client kings” work in the Roman Empire?