

Sixth Grade Ancient Rome Project

Your project is to write a two to three page report on a topic of your choice about Ancient Rome. You can choose from the following topics, or suggest other topics that interest you more. You can work with others to research and check your work, but each must complete their own report.

Project Requirements

1. An outline in our class outline format.
2. Two to three well-written pages on your topic, including an introduction and conclusion.
3. Written in cursive using a fountain pen. You may add calligraphy letters to paragraph beginnings.
4. A cover page with a beautifully-drawn illustration, and a title written in neat Roman letters.
5. The final report must be proofread, corrected, and signed by an adult before it is turned in.
6. A bibliography in our class bibliography format. The bibliography must include at least two books. You may use research from the Internet as long as your parents approve and sit with you to find the information.

Due Dates

1. Choose a topic: **Friday, Oct. 27**
2. Collect research notes and write an outline: **Friday, Nov 3**
3. Complete report and cover illustration: **Thursday, Nov 9**

Some Possible Topics

1. Roman Roads and Aqueducts
2. The City of Pompeii
3. The Colosseum
4. Circus Maximus
5. Roman Games and Gladiators
6. Hadrian's Architecture
7. Forum Romanum (Roman Forum)
8. Ptolemy's Model of the Universe
9. Roman Government
10. Julius Caesar
11. The Roman Military
12. Symbols of Ancient Rome
13. Mt Vesuvius
14. Roman Architecture
15. Roman Music
16. Roman Food
17. Roman Education
18. Daily Life in Ancient Rome
19. Roman Temples and Religions
20. Roman Art
21. The Roman Forum
22. Roman Chariot Races
23. The Roman Catacombs
24. Roman Sculpture
25. Roman Baths
26. Patricians and Plebians
27. Roman Gods and Goddesses
28. Slavery in Ancient Rome

Example Outline Format

Training a Dog

- I. Qualities in a dog needed for training
 - A. Intelligence
 - B. Desire to please

- II. Some rules for training
 - A. Importance of firmness
 - B. Teaching one command at a time
 - 1. Repetition of command
 - 2. Using words of command
 - C. Praise as an incentive

- III. Obedience training
 - A. Definition
 - B. Obedience commands
 - 1. Heel
 - 2. Sit
 - 3. Lie down

- IV. The qualities of a good trainer

Writing Checklist

Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation

- The handwriting and page layout is neat and legible.
- All spelling and grammar is correct.
- All sentences end in periods, question marks or exclamation marks.
- Quotation marks are used in dialogue.
- People's names, places and proper nouns are capitalized.
- The titles of books, movies, etc. are capitalized.
- The first word in each sentence is capitalized.

Word Choice

- Every word seems to be just right for the sentence.
- Interesting descriptive words are used in place of typically overused words.
- Synonyms are used to add variety.
- The writing paints pictures in the reader's mind.

Organization

- The introduction is interesting and inviting.
- The meaning of each sentence is clear.
- There is variety in sentence structure.
- Sentences build upon each other.
- Each paragraphs has one main idea.
- Ideas are connected in a creative and logical order.
- The conclusion summarizes the report and leads to a satisfying finish.

Ideas

- The report is clear and focused.
- Ideas relate to one another.
- Key details give the reader important information.
- The report shows that the topic is well understood by the author.
- The report is written in the author's own words.