

# Rome: Engineering an Empire

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Watch the video and answer the following questions. Read the questions before the video starts!

- Julius Caesar was assassinated because he did not want to share \_\_\_\_, but have it all to himself.  
a. his power    b. his wealth    c. his palace
- Caesar's engineers built a wooden bridge 4 football fields long across the 30-foot- deep Rhine River in Germany in \_\_\_\_, proving that nothing could hold him back.  
a. ten years    b. ten months    c. ten weeks    d. ten days
- The construction of the Cloaca Maxima, Rome's \_\_\_\_, was the key event in the consolidation of Latin tribes into a unified culture around the city of Rome.  
a. Forum    b. main road    c. sewer system    d. city wall
- The Via Appia was Rome's first \_\_\_\_.  
a. public building    b. international highway    c. public housing complex    d. temple
- Rome's first *imperator* (emperor) was:  
a. Julius Caesar    b. Nero    c. Octavian (Caesar Augustus)
- The "secret weapon" of Rome's engineers =  
a. waterproof concrete including volcanic sand  
b. bricks baked at high temperatures  
c. iron tools for cutting stone  
d. wooden support structures
- The most life-altering (life-changing) achievement of Rome's engineers =  
a. the Coliseum and other buildings which provided entertainment  
b. the public markets which provided a source of fresh food  
c. the aqueducts, which brought 200 million barrels of water a day into Rome
- The \_\_\_\_ revolutionized architecture in the ancient world by providing strength with less material and weight  
a. arch    b. beam    c. column    d. buttress
- Agrippina, Claudius' niece and wife, convinced Claudius to name her son by a previous marriage, \_\_\_\_, as his heir, then she poisoned Claudius with a \_\_\_\_.  
a. Caligula...drink of wine    b. Nero...mushroom    c. Nero...bite of chocolate
- In 64 AD, 10 of Rome's 14 regions burned. Afterwards Nero confiscated 1/3 of the charred city (downtown) to build a palace, his *Domus Aurea* ("Golden House"), trimmed in gold & precious stones and built mostly by slaves. Nero blamed the fire on the \_\_\_\_.  
a. plebeians    b. army    c. Christians    d. Senators

11. One of every \_\_\_ Romans was a slave.  
a. two    b. three    c. four
12. In 68 AD Nero was overthrown, declared a public enemy, hunted by his own guards, and slit his own throat with the help of a slave, saying "What a(n) \_\_\_ dies in me!"  
a. emperor    b. statesman    c. artist    d. public servant
13. The Emperor Vespasian drained Nero's artificial lake and from 72- 80 AD with money from the destroyed Jewish temple in Jerusalem and the slave labor of Jewish captives he built the Flavian Amphitheater, or the \_\_\_\_.  
a. coliseum    b. Circus Maximus    c. public baths
14. Trajan's massive building campaign included an aqueduct, new public baths, and a new Forum designed by Apollodorus of Damascus. Its most important feature historically, which remains today, is:  
a. a 125' marble column with a relief telling of Trajan's victory in Dacia  
b. a library of collected Greek and Roman works  
c. a museum which housed Greek and Roman sculptures
15. Trajan's Forum included \_\_\_ built into a hillside.  
a. a public bath house    b. a shopping mall with 150 shops    c. a garden with sidewalks
16. 1500 miles from Rome Hadrian built a wall in Britannia, completed in 122 AD. It was \_\_\_ miles long and \_\_\_ feet high, the Roman world's largest stone fortification.  
a. 123...12    b. 73...15    c. 47...8
17. In Rome, Hadrian built the \_\_\_\_, a rotunda, or huge interior space capped by a domed ceiling.  
a. Coliseum    b. basilica    c. Pantheon
18. Apollodorus of Damascus = Rome's greatest \_\_\_\_.  
a. general    b. architect    c. gladiator
19. The crowning achievement of Roman architects was the \_\_\_ of Caracalla in 216 AD.  
a. Forum    b. palace    c. bath complex    d. amphitheater
20. \_\_\_ were like modern health clubs or country clubs for all social classes: places to work out, get a massage, take a steam bath, swim, etc.  
a. the homes of the wealthy    b. public baths    c. country villas