**Aqueduct** – A manmade channel used for delivering water to Roman towns.

**Barbarian** – A term used by Romans to refer to people who lived outside of the Roman Empire.

**Cohort** - A cohort was a division of the Roman army. It was made up of six centuries, or 480 men. There were 10 cohorts in a Roman legion.

**Consul** - The highest position in the Roman government. There were 2 consuls selected each year for a one year term.

**Dictator** - A ruler that has absolute power.

**Emperor** - The leader of an empire. The first emperor of Rome was Octavian Augustus.

**Forum** - The area of a Roman town that was the center of Roman life. Government meetings, public speeches and business all took place in the forum.

**Gaul** - What the Romans called the lands to the north and west of Italy.

**Gladiator** - A person who fought for the entertainment of Roman audiences.

**Gladius -** A short sword used by Roman soldiers.

**Imperialism –** Establishing control over foreign lands.

**Legion -** The main unit of the Roman army. It generally had around 5,400 soldiers and was divided up into groups of men called cohorts and centuries.

**Mosaic** - A type of art using small tiles made of glass or stone to create a picture.

**Orator** - A talented public speaker, and important skill for Roman leaders.

**Paterfamilias** - The man who was leader of the Roman family. He had complete power over his wife and children.

**Patrician** - A member of the original elite land-owning families of Rome.

**Plebeian** - A common person or person not of the patrician class.

**Praetor** - A high ranking official in the Roman government.

**Province** - An area of the Roman empire that was outside Italy.