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**Words Unlock the Doors to a World of Understanding**

# Romans

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# TOPIC VOCABULARY

**Vocabulary Ninja** believes that words can unlock the doors to a whole new world of understanding. Taking the time to unpick, discuss and understand the meaning of a word is guaranteed to excite and engage your learners! Combining exciting vocabulary with an enthralling topic, it's main characters and most historic events. Not only focusing on typical noun topic vocabulary, but exploring all other word classes that can bring a topic to life! Words carefully selected to enhance understanding and subsequently children's reading and writing.


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| Julius Caesar | Boudicca | Mark Anthony | Roman Soldier |
|---|---|---|---|
| betrayed | Celt | politician | well-trained |
| ruler | leader | advocate | loyal |
| tactician | fearless | romantic | fearless |
| friend | poison | adulterer | skilled |
| mastermind | deadly | resourceful | obedient |
| reckless | female | conventional | iconic |
| vain | inspired | servent | brutal |
| ambitious | courageous | traitor | ruthless |
| power-hunger | untamed | pragmatic | legionary |
| mischievous | avenge | suicide | centurion |
| dictator | warrior | affairl | destructive |
| callous | engraged | allegiance | conformist |
| assassinated | intelligent | hedonistic | |
| noble | govern | | |


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# TOPIC NOUNS

**Vocabulary Ninja Grammar Focus:** Discuss proper, common, abstract and collective nouns. Which features are needed for proper nouns? Can you identify any below?

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| toga | Emperor | gladius | invader | Rome |
| focal | centurion | forum | legion | bath |
| soldier | aqueduct | Gaul | army | politics |
| Empire | conspiracy | chariot | ampitheatre | scutum |
| invasion | standard | religion | Mark Anthony | slave |
| religion | Boudicca | tunica | legionary | Barbarian |
| ballista | infrastructure | | | |



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# TOPIC VERBS

**Remember:** Depending on how you use these words, they may not act as verbs, but as another word class.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| skirmish | revel | bicker | march | invade |
| pummel | bribe | quarrel | assualt | rule |
| annihilate | duel | overpower | betray | conquer |
| vote | occupy | compete | impeach | safeguard |
| trade | enslave | crush | debate | deliver |
| socialise | conflict | backstab | advance | plot |
| provoke | execution | celebrate | brawl | invent |



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# TOPIC ADJECTIVES

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| lustful | viscious | prominent | loving | decadent |
| ancient | insightful | cultured | wealthy | victorious |
| distinguished | wise | power-hungry | mighty | enigmatic |
| warlike | aristocratic | illustrious | democratic | practical |
| proud | quarrelsome | primitive | visionary | venomous |
| eminent | ambitious | infamous | civilised | influential |
| rebellious | murderous | confrontational | powerful | adventurous |



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# SYNONYM ALLEY

3 sets with space to create your own.

Draw a line from the words on the left to its synonym on the right.

| | |
|---|---|
| soldier | gladius |
| king | legionary |
| sword | emperor |
| people | betray |
| robe | tunic |
| cheat | civilisation |
| catapult | ballista |
| house | foe |
| enemy | villa |



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# VOCABULARY LABORATORY

Describe / Definition:

Use it in a sentence (add picture too):

Focus Word (write below):

Word Class:

| Synonyms: (words with same / similar meaning) | Antonyms: (words with opposite meaning) |
|---|---|
| | |
| **Rhymes:** (words that sound the same) | **Link Words:** (Example: football = pitch, team, player) |
| | |

Draw your sentence:

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# ENTHRALLING ETYMOLOGY

**The Enthralling Etymology section of Vocabulary Ninja resource packs selects specific words with interesting heritage. Understanding how and why words are what they are today!**

**malaria** - Most would associate this word with Africa, but it originates from Rome. "Mal" meaning bad and "aria" meaning air - so it literally means "bad air". The term was used to describe the unpleasant air emanating from the marshlands of Rome, which was believed to cause malaria, and its mosquitos.

**villa** - Villa, meaning house in Latin, has a huge range of English derivatives. Because of "villa" meaning house, we now have "villager" and "village". 'Thanks Romans!'

**August** - is named after Octavian Caesar, nephew of Julius Caesar. He is better known as Augustus - his official title. Although Augustus was born in September, he selected the month we call August because it is when his career had been successful.'.

**salary** - The word salary comes from the Latin solarium; the payment for salt. In ancient times, salt was used for many important things, and was referred to as white gold. Used as antiseptic, a preservative and as payment.

**lunatic** - Lunatic is an interesting one. It's derived from a late latin word 'lunaticus', which is a combination of "luna" meaning moon, and "atic" meaning a kind of. Together they mean "moonstruck' or refer to "the kind of moon". This originated from the belief that insanity is caused by changes of the moon!.



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# VOCABULARY NINJA AWARD

Signed Vocabulary Ninja _____ Date_____

This little ninja has shown unrivalled levels of commitment, guile and creativity in their use of vocabulary! Vocabulary used in discussion, writing, reading and everyday life. They are a true vocabulary ninja!

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# TEACHING TECHNIQUES

As the **Ninja** has alluded to earlier, these vocabulary resources need to be supported by direct teaching. Teaching where misconceptions can be addressed and the correct meaning, spelling and varied forms of each word can be discussed, modelled and shared.

**HELLO** - A logical place to start with the word banks might be to identify which words the children already understand. If you are confident they can use a word with accuracy and control, then great! Let's investigate the rest.

**PEOPLE TO REMEMBER** - This section could be used in a variety of ways. Topic bookmarks, writing checklists, topic report writing aids, it's really up to you. Each list of words have been carefully selected to help pupils create and enhance understanding of each specific area.

**NOUNS** - This section provides nouns (words that identify people, groups, objects, places, emotions) associated with the topic. Great for reports or any type of writing linked to your topic. Dive deeper and discuss the type of nouns - proper, common, collective and abstract - Remember to ask WHY. Can you discover more?

**VERBS** - This section provides verbs (being, doing and having type words) associated with the topic. Believe it or not, verbs are also amazing for describing, adjectives are great, but verbs rock! These words have been specifically selected to enhance pupil's description. Remember to discuss verb forms, past, present, perfect, linking to subject verb agreements.

**ADJECTIVES** - These words will take your pupil's descriptive powers to a new level! You must teach them first, be selective and think carefully about what you are teaching and context - discuss why pupils think these words might have been chosen. Pupil's subject knowledge will need to be secure to effectively use these words.

**NOUNS, VERBS AND ADJECTIVES**

These resources could be used in an unlimited amount of ways. One specific way you might choose to unlock a specific word, is to use the **Vocabulary Laboratory** sheet on page 8. This activity is specifically designed to breakdown a pupil's understanding of a single word!

**SYNONYM ALLEY** - Synonym Alley has been created to help explore topic vocabulary synonyms (words that share the same meaning). Simply draw a line from the word on the left to the right. The ninja has also provided a blank template on page 15 for you to create your own.

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# TEACHING TECHNIQUES

**VOCABULARY LABORATORY** - The Vocabulary Lab is a word technician's dream. Like Frankenstein himself, words have many forms, pieces and meanings. The Vocabulary Laboratory is the perfect activity to operate on a word, dissect it and see exactly how it works! Preparation is key here, know what each word has to offer! Choose from the Ninja's extensive banks or choose your own!

**ENTHRALLING ETYMOLOGY** - The Ninja loves discovering the history behind a word, some have fabulous stories behind them, whereas others are made up of several parts from Latin, Greek etc. The Ninja has painstakingly selected words that are sure to get your etymological whistle wet and hopefully excite pupils to discover the etymology of more words on their own.

**LITTLE NINJA VOCABULARY AWARD** - Reward your pupils with this simple Vocabulary Ninja certificate, signed by the Ninja. Remember to tweet your pupils' success **@VocabularyNinja** and use our hashtags #VocabularyNinja #Certificate #LittleNinja.

**DISPLAY SLIPS** - Display slips can be used in a variety of ways such as displaying vocabulary, laminate them and use them in topic work, word banks, the world is your oyster. All branded neatly with Vocabulary Ninja, sure to engage pupils! Print, trim and use!

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