

ANCIENT ROMANS



What was school like?

Roman children started school at the age of 7. Students learned how to speak, how to write, how to tell time, how to use and count money, and other lessons designed to help them in everyday life. Weights and measurements, history, philosophy, and public speaking were also taught, among other subjects. Only boys went to school but some wealthy girls were tutored at home. Poor children didn't go to school. Teachers were often strict. Education was taken very seriously in



these schoolhouses.

Ancient Roman Jobs

There were lots of jobs, for example teachers, soldiers, engineers, farmers etc.



Children

The children were loved in the families. The boys were especially important because they would carry on the family. While many girls stayed home with their mothers to take care of the home, some girls were allowed to attend schools with the boys.



Who were the soldiers?

The soldiers were all Roman citizens. They signed up when they were 20 years old. They worked as soldiers for 20 years. After this work they took some money and a piece of land. They worked also as private soldiers.



Weapons

Roman soldiers used weapons like pugio, gladius, hasta, javelling, bows and arrows. They trained to fight with their swords. They fought sometimes with wooden swords.



The weapon gladius

Clothing and Armor

Men and boys wore togas and then later tunics, which were slightly larger than a shirt typically worn today. Women and girls also wore tunics; however, these reached their ankles and tied near the waist. Roman soldiers had armor made of strong iron. This armor was heavy. They also carried tall shields in some cases.



What did they drink or eat?

Romans drank wine. They drank a lot but the wine was watered. Daily life in Ancient Rome often began with a light breakfast. Bread and water (or wine) would be served at home, or a wheat pancake could have been purchased on the way to work or school. Sometimes meat, fish, fruit, and other items may have been served, but not each day.

