



Women Rule! Roman women had more freedom than Greek women

- they could own property
- Went to parties, enjoyed theater, and religious rituals.
- Roman women could not:
 - Vote, attend assemblies, or hold public office
- Most important role:
 - To have children and raise them to follow Roman traditions

Rich & Poor

- Majority of Roman population:
 - Poor and free
 - Slaves
 - Worked farms controlled by the wealthy
- Minority of Roman population:
 - Wealthy
 - Earned money from agriculture
 - They owned huge farms worked by the poor/ slaves.
 - Women supervised the slaves



The Good Life

- Upper-class Romans lived in 1 to 2 story houses
 - As large as a city block
 - Courtyards, gardens,
 private baths, and
 running water.
- Villas
 - Large country homes



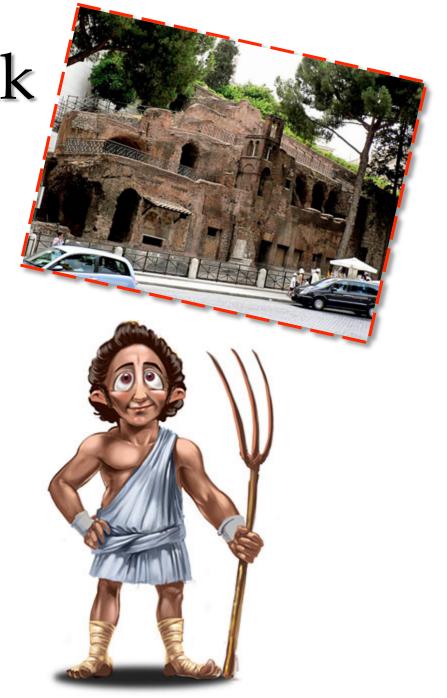
The Common Folk

 Most poor people lived in cramped apartments in the city

No running water

Crime, disease, fire were prevalent

- Apartments poorly built and often collapsed.
- Occupations
 - Many were farmers who rented land from wealthy landowners.
 - Constructions
 - Ran stores, taverns, or restaurants.



Slavery

- More slaves≝more power
 - 40% of people in Rome were slaves
 - They could be beaten, killed, and sold for any reason.
 - Children born to slaves were also slaves
 - Many slaves worked in the mines or on large farms (treated brutally)

Slave Market

- Slaves that worked in wealthy homes had it easier
- Some educated slaves worked as secretaries or teachers.
- Freedom
 - Slaves who were loyal could be freed as a reward.
 - They could also save up to buy their freedom.
 - Freed slaves could become citizens and vote.

and Spartagus!

- Slaves fought back against their masters.
- Spartacus: led an army of rebel slaves in the 70s B.C.
 - -Fought against the roman army and threatened to capture Rome before the Romans defeated them.

Early Roman Religion Important part of everyday life

- Romans worshipped hundreds of gods (in chapter 13 we will learn about the shift to Christianity)
 - Adapted from the Greek gods
- The government and religion were not separated
 - Government officials also served as priests
 - Believed it was the governments job to maintain good relationship with the gods
- Romans tried to keep their gods happy
 - Believed that gods wouldn't answer prayers if they didn't do certain things
 - Romans prayed, worshipped at home, built temples,
 offered animal sacrificed, and held games in honor of the gods.