



# Which one happened earlier?

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The discovery of  
Saturn ( **1610**  
**CE**)

OR



The World Wide  
Web (Internet) is  
invented (**1989**  
**CE**)



Saturn was discovered 379 years before the invention of the internet

**CE = the bigger the number the later in time the event**

**1989 >  
1610**

**1989 is a larger number than 1610, therefore, the World Wide Web (Internet) was invented**



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## Learning Question:

How can I understand what daily life was like for a rich Roman?

## Success Criteria:

- ✓ I can understand the structure of the Roman society.
- ✓ I can understand that the life of rich women and men was different
- ✓ I can write a diary entry as a rich roman.

## Vocabulary

- Patrician
- Citizen
- Colosseum
- Cena
- Ientaculum
- Prandium

What was it like to  
be a rich Roman



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- In Roman society, people were not all seen as equals.

- You were either a citizen, non-citizen or a slave



# Roman Citizenship



In the rest of society, Roman people, who weren't slaves, could be granted Roman citizenship if they were considered worthy, e.g. a soldier who had served for many years.

Roman citizenship brought privileges such as the right to vote (unless you were a woman), the right to a lawful marriage or a fair trial.

No Roman citizen could ever receive the death penalty unless they were found guilty of treason.

# Women and Girls



Women and girls were not seen as being equal to men and boys. In fact, women and girls were only treated a little better than slaves.

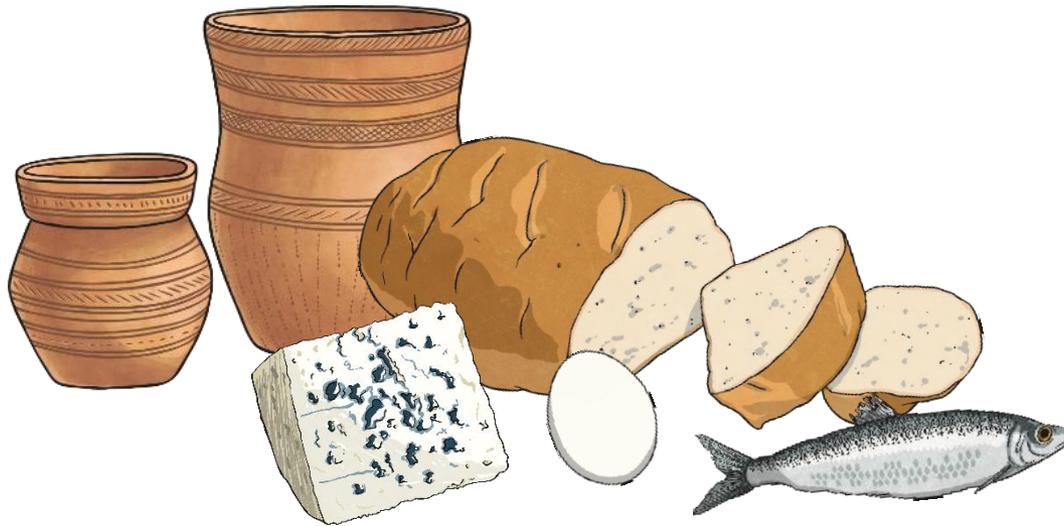
In Roman society, the amount of freedom you had as a woman was decided by your wealth and who your father or husband was.

Free women were classed as Roman citizens but didn't have the rights of a full citizen. For example, they weren't allowed to vote or become involved in politics.

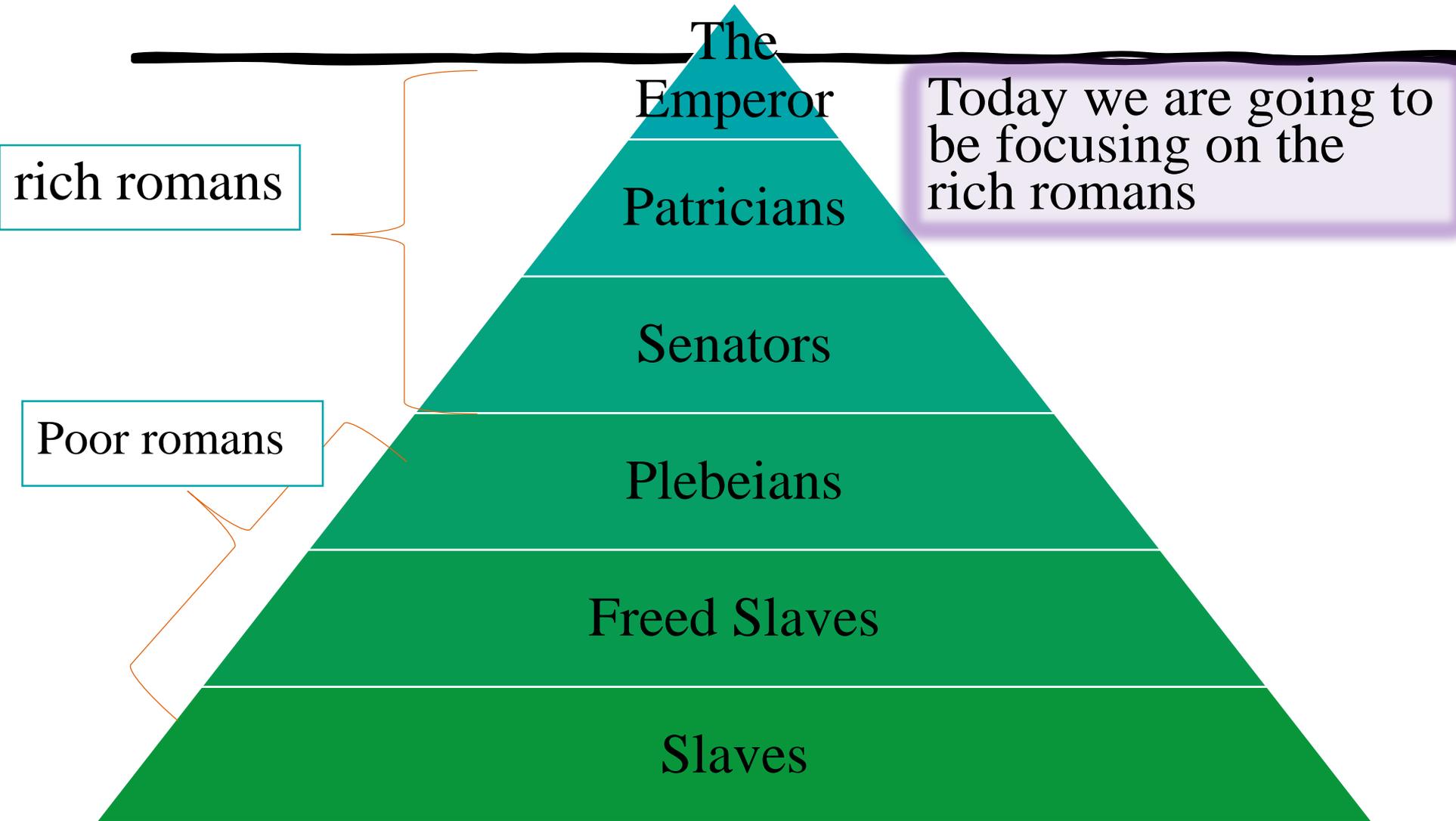
# Women and Girls

Women were given a very basic education and were expected to take a traditional role in the household doing jobs, such as preparing and cooking the meals, making clothes and raising any children.

They lived under the authority of their father or husband at all times.



# Roman Society



# The Emperor and Senate

The Emperor controlled the Roman Empire and had a very luxurious life with the best of everything.

He was advised by the Senate, who were a group of men (senators) made up of the wealthy, upper classes from powerful families.

Being a senator was a very prestigious and highly respected position.

Once you became a senator, you held the position for the rest of your life.



# Patricians

The **patricians** were at the top of Roman society. They were the ruling classes and were always Roman **citizens**.

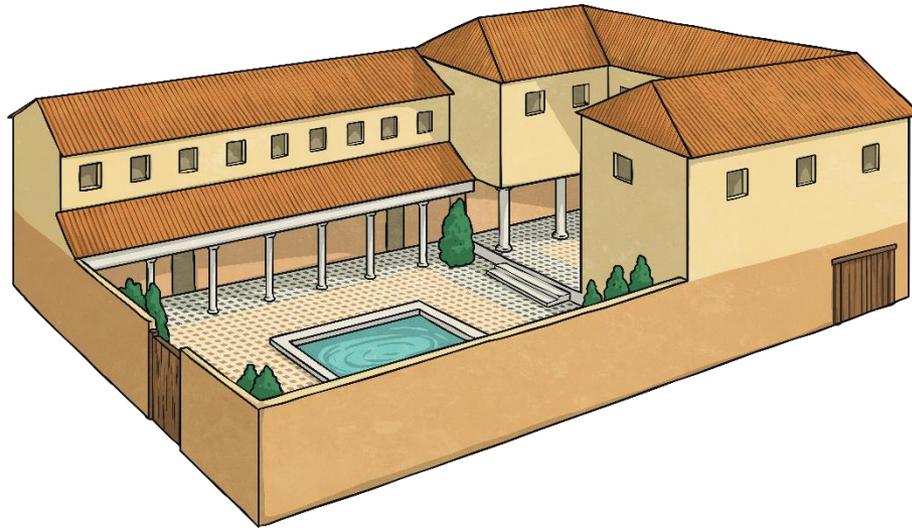
Patricians were very wealthy and made up a very small percentage of the Roman society.

These people could trace their ancestry back to the founding of Rome.



# Domus

A domus was a type of house in the city in which a rich Roman would have lived.

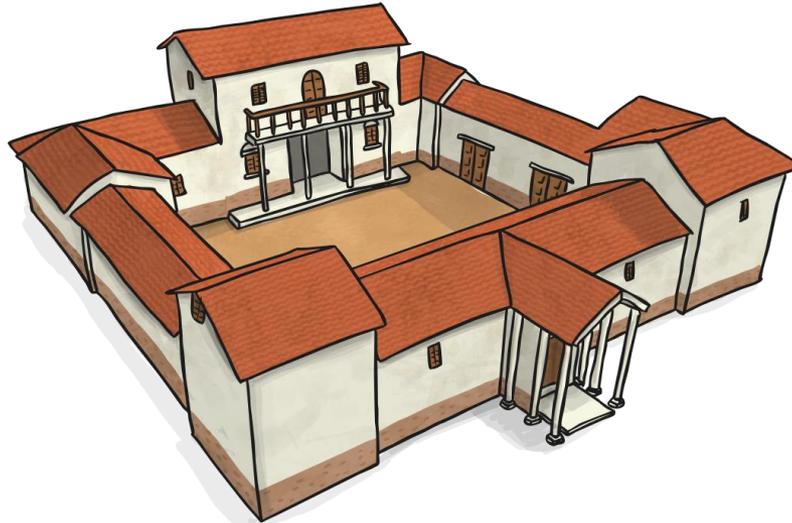


A domus was a very grand single-storey building, often with marble pillars, statues and mosaics on walls and floors.

They would have had multiple rooms, including bedrooms, a dining room, kitchen, courtyards, gardens and places to relax and entertain guests.

# Villa

A Roman villa was a luxurious estate for rich Romans in the countryside.



They were much larger and more comfortable than a domus and had even more rooms, including servants quarters and exercise rooms.

Some villas even had underfloor heating! A hypocaust was a system which pumped hot air from a fire around a system of tunnels underneath the villa's main floor.

# Clothes

Women wore a longer **tunic** which was often ankle-length. Over this the women wore a stola which was a full length from neck to ankle, high-waisted and fastened at the shoulders with clasps. Rich women wore long **tonics** made from expensive cotton or silk.



Men wore a knee-length tunic (chiton), either sleeveless or short-sleeved. Roman men wore a cloak over their tunic, which was like a wide shawl that was draped over the shoulder and carefully wrapped around the body.

Important Romans dressed in a long robe called a **toga**.

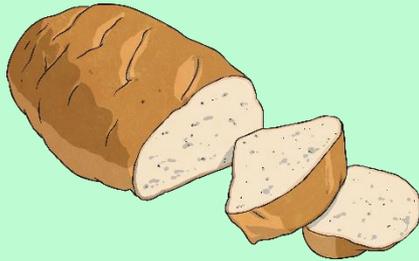
If you were VERY rich then you would wear purple.



# Food

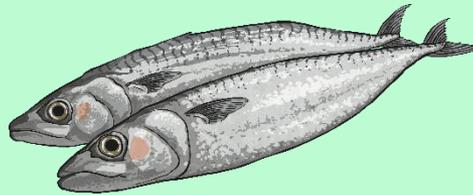
The Romans ate three meals a day. Lots of their diet was similar to food we have today. In fact, many of the fruits and vegetables we know were brought to Britain by the Romans.

Ientaculum  
(breakfast)



- bread
- pancakes
- dates
- honey

Prandium  
(lunch)



- fish
- cold meat
- bread
- vegetables

Cena  
(evening meal)



Poorer Romans would eat vegetables and porridge.

Richer Romans would eat a banquet and drink wine.

# Roman Banquets

As the Empire conquered more areas, the Romans were able to enjoy the foods from those countries too. The rich Romans would have huge banquets (feasts) and eat exotic foods to show off their wealth.

Some of the most extravagant parties served peacock, stuffed dormouse, roast parrot and milk-fed snails!

For a banquet, the Romans would eat almost lying down. They would spread out on couches around a low table. Banquets lasted for several hours.



# What did they do for entertainment?



Gladiators were both professional and amateur fighters. They fought to entertain Roman citizens. On place they used to go was the Colosseum. (reconstruction on the left)



Gladiators would fight each other as well as wild animals such as lions and bears.

The emperor took up a very visible and prominent position which was located on the podium at the centre of the narrower side of the arena on the north side.



# What did they do for entertainment?



They also used to go to the Amphitheatre to watch plays and hear stories.

# Your Task

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- **You are a Patrician (a rich Roman)**
- **Your task is to write about what a day would be like for a man or women in Roman Society**
- **Think about daily routine:**
  - **Waking up in a villa or domus (they will have servants) (think about the clothes they would wear)**
  - **Lentaculum (breakfast) – Bread pancakes dates and honey**
  - **Go to the Amphitheatre (if you are in a villa you will have to travel by carriage or horse to get into the centre of Rome)**
  - **Prandium (lunch) meat and bread**
  - **Colesssum - gladiators fighting each other and animals.**