

WALT Use information and confidently research a cultural aspect of the Roman Empire.



Use extracts from *Romans on the Rampage* (Jeremy Strong) and the websites below to research Roman charioteers, chariots and the races that took place in Roman times.

Chariot Racing Facts

<https://www.unrv.com/culture/chariot-races.php>

Roman Leisure Activities

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8/articles/z2sm6sg>

The questions below can be used to guide your research:

1. What skills did a charioteer need to have? Think about the way they had to stand and any important movements they had to make during the race.
2. Was there an ideal build, weight or age for a charioteer?
3. Think about the need for great speed! How did this influence materials from which chariots were made?
4. What do you know about the famous Roman stadium? What was the atmosphere like on the days of the races?
5. What happened if there was a crash (a shipwreck)? What was the atmosphere like on the days of the races?
6. How dangerous was racing?