

# Roman Legacies

## WALT

- To understand the term legacy
- To explain the importance of the Romans

Let's find out more about the Romans in Britain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3X7D8yz6QFg>

## Timeline

Celts



500 BC

Romans



AD 43

Saxons



450

Vikings



793

Normans



1066

Tudors



1485

Victorians



1837

WW II



1939

# Who were the Romans?

The Romans came from a city called Rome. Rome is in modern day Italy. Two thousand years ago the Romans built a **great empire** which covered much of Europe.



# THE ROMANS



## Why was the Roman empire important?

The Romans, even today, play an important part in our lives. Many of the things we do or have originated from the Romans.

## How long did the Roman empire last?

The Roman civilisation started in 753BC and ended in 476AD  
Over 1480 years!!

# The Romans

## Why were the Romans so powerful?

- The Roman Empire was powerful because it was very well organised. The Roman army was well-trained and equipped with the best weapons. Roman soldiers were professionals. Their only job was to fight. The Romans built very good roads. These allowed trade to flow throughout the Empire. Roman towns were good places to live. They were supplied with fresh water and had public bath-houses. There were lots of things for sale in the market and lots of different sorts of entertainment.

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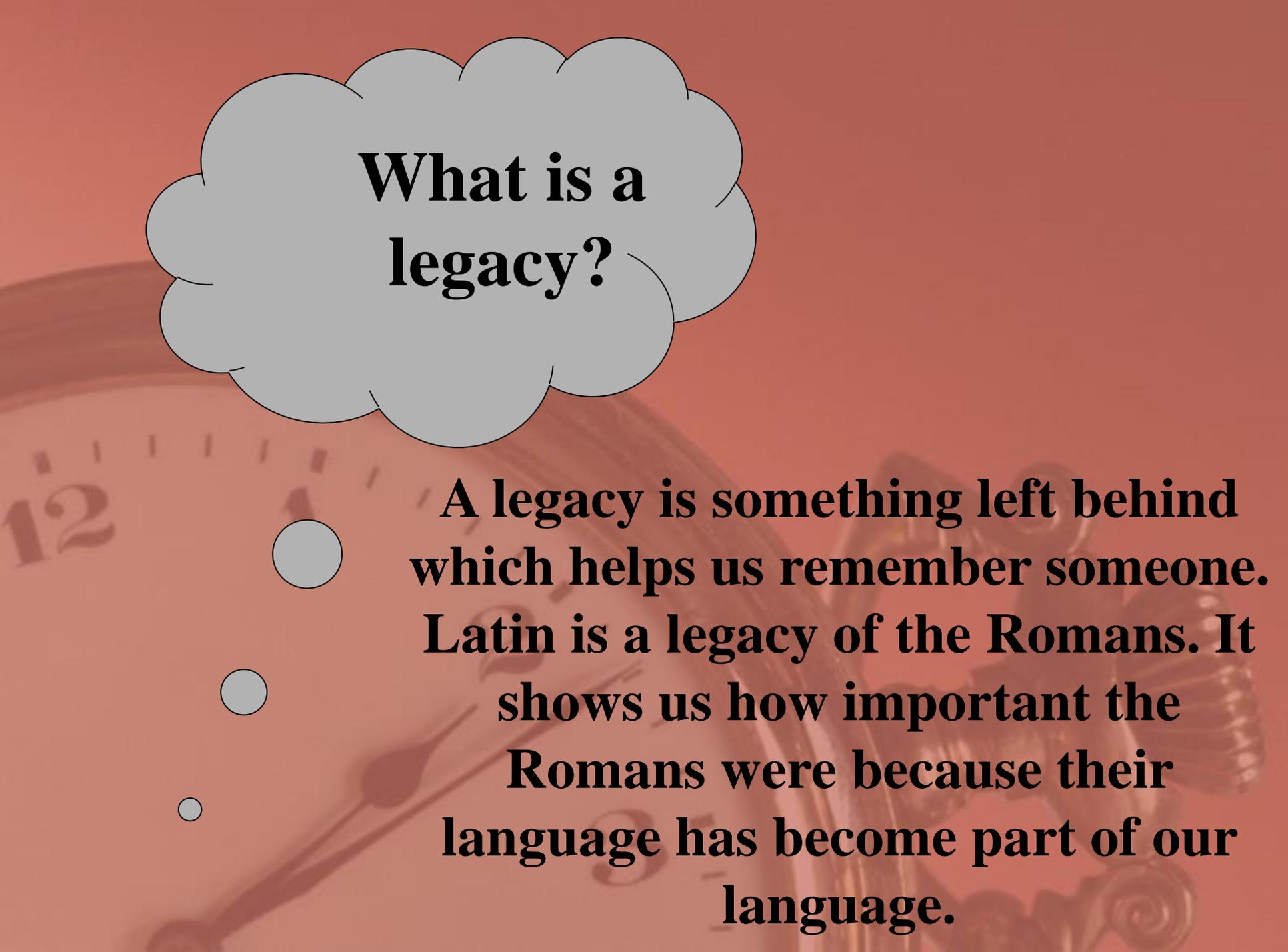


# What is the most important legacy of the Romans?





**What is a  
legacy?**



**A legacy is something left behind  
which helps us remember someone.  
Latin is a legacy of the Romans. It  
shows us how important the  
Romans were because their  
language has become part of our  
language.**

Language

Law

Names

Public  
health

What have  
the Romans  
given us?

Roads

Religion

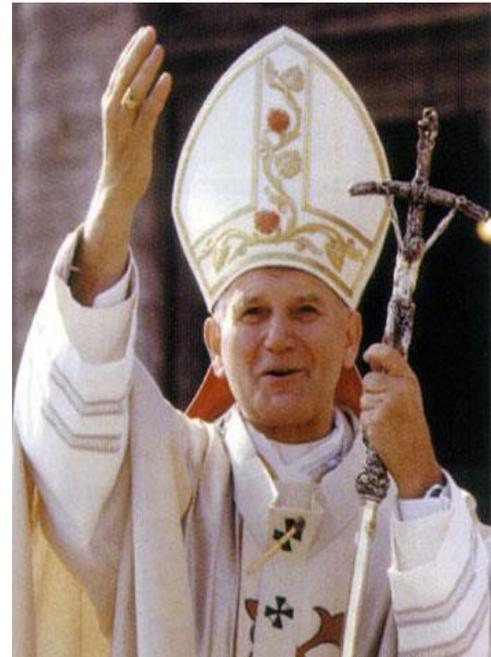
Buildings

Science

Calendar

# **1. Christianity –**

**At first, the Romans tried to get rid of Christianity, but in the fourth century the Emperor Constantine ,made it the official religion of the whole Empire. Even when the Roman Empire fell, Christianity was not wiped out. Rome continued to be the centre of the Church, and even today the Pope still lives in Rome as the Head of the Roman Catholic Church.**



**2. Roman Buildings** – For many people the most impressive legacy of the Romans is their magnificent buildings. All over the world there is evidence of the skill of the Romans as architects and builders.



**3. Roman Roads** – The Romans are famous for their very straight and well built roads, some of which can even still be travelled down today. After the Romans left England, it was to be over a thousand years before the Road system returned to the same standard.



**4. Roman numerals** – We still use Roman numerals such as these below in many forms today, such as on clocks and watches. Another very important legacy.

I II III IV V  
VI VII VIII  
IX X L CM

**5. Law and order** – The Romans were the first civilised society who came up with laws and courts to punish criminals. This was done instead of people arguing, fighting and even killing each other in the street. This organised system was very important in keeping the Roman empire organised.



**Which legacy do you think is the most important? Which do you think is the least important?**

**Put the legacies in order of importance**



# Summarise

**Write a paragraph in your books to explain your opinion.**

You may like to just start “ I think the most important legacy of the Romans is....because....”. You can also use the sheet to help you.