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A Roman Triumph

American soldiers, like other soldiers throughout the history of the world, like to parade as heroes for the people back home. After risking their lives in battle, they love to hear the cheers of the hometown crowd. For many soldiers, the public recognition of a special parade makes all the sacrifices seem worthwhile. Roman soldiers liked special parades and ceremonies, too. The honor of a special parade of troops through the city of Rome was reserved for emperors and victorious generals. Fill in the blanks below with the vocabulary of a Roman military triumph. Use the words from the word bank.



When the emperor won a great 1. _____, he would be granted triumph, the right to lead his 2. _____ through Rome with their 3. _____ and booty. The people lined the streets and 4. _____ for the emperor. A 5. _____ stood behind him, holding a golden 6. _____ over his head. Captured enemy soldiers would be 7. _____ during the ceremonies. An emperor might want to build a permanent memorial to his glorious victory by constructing an 8. _____ 9. _____ with his name.

Word Bank

strangled
inscribed
soldiers

archway
victory
crown

prisoners
slave
cheered

Famous Sayings

The Roman Republic and Roman Empire were around for over 900 years. Famous sayings and proverbs come from this time period.

What do you think each saying or proverb means? Write your ideas on the lines provided.

When in Rome, do as the Romans do. _____

I came, I saw, I conquered. (Julius Caesar) _____

Et tu, Brute—“And you, Brutus.” (said by Julius Caesar in Shakespeare’s play)

Pax Romana—“Roman Peace” _____

He fiddled while Rome burned. (said of Emperor Nero) _____

Carpe diem—“Seize the day.” (written by Horace, poet) _____

Rome wasn’t built in a day. _____

All roads lead to Rome. _____
