



## 10 ways to use [www.objectlessons.org](http://www.objectlessons.org) to teach and learn about the Romans

There are 12 Roman objects on the website. These represent just a few of the many Roman objects in the Artefacts Library. They are found in *Homes*, *Childhood* and *Health*.

- **Quiz:** In pairs, use the **search** facility to find the 12 Roman objects and choose one. Research the object. Think up 5 quiz questions about it e.g. multi-choice, a crossword, true and false questions for another pair. See the **Mystery Object** on the homepage for ideas. Keep checking as it changes!
- **Glossary game:** Again in pairs, look at the glossary for the Tudor medicine pot under *Health*. Now choose a Roman object and highlight a word in the information that needs explaining. Write a real glossary definition for it and 2 false ones. Ask another pair to guess the real one.
- **Museum trip (before):** Choose an object from the website (use the **electronic white board**) and research it together.  
[www.museumoflondon.org.uk/learning/features\\_facts/voh/Voh\\_kit/index.htm](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/learning/features_facts/voh/Voh_kit/index.htm) shows how far you can 'virtually' handle an object. Discuss what you can gain by seeing this object in a museum and handling it e.g. detail, smell, texture, size, weight, design, authenticity. Order the object from the Artefacts Library and handle it. Take digital photos at the museum and create entries in the style of the website back in the classroom.
- **Museum trip (follow up):** Use the website to carry out further research on objects seen in the museum.
- **Drawing:** Look at objects on the Roman *Homes* section and read about them. Draw a Roman home with these objects in it. See the **Chinese dragon game** in *Cultures*. Make your own version by printing out an image and cutting it up into squares.
- **Research:** Print out an image and look at it carefully. Label it with different colours to show what you know, can guess at, or would like to know about the object. Then use the website to research the answers. Use the **sound** and **rotating image** function.
- **Website design:** Research other Romans websites (overleaf) and design an interactive activity for the [www.objectlessons.org](http://www.objectlessons.org) website.
- **Museum game:** Give the children print outs of the 12 objects and let them categorise them as if on a website e.g. to do with function, materials, aesthetic qualities. Then compare this website's categories. Discuss the differences.
- **Label writing:** Imagine you are a museum curator. Write a label for one of the objects using only 20 words. Include physical features (the look and feel), construction, function, value (for the owner, us, the museum). Read out label and others guess which object you are describing. Display the image and label in a **class museum**.
- **Past and present:** Print out the images on the Roman *Childhood* page. Compare and contrast them with the modern equivalent. Discuss how these objects show changing attitudes to childcare. Try to create a **timeline** of children's toys similar to the **timeline of lighting** in the *Homes* section by using the **search** facility across the eras. Include a game for the future!

## **THE ROMANS: useful websites for KS2**

### **Informative and interactive:**

**7-11yrs, Romans:** includes excellent topic material on Romans, activities, resources, reference material e.g. a list of the emperors, timelines, glossary at:

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/romans/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/romans/)

**7-9yrs, See You See Me:** all about the Picts and Romans in Scotland at:

[www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/seeyouseeme/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/seeyouseeme/)

**7-11yrs, Walk Through Time:** interactive chance to walk through Roman streets at:

[www.bbc.co.uk/history/walk](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/walk)

**The Museum of Antiquities:** an opportunity to take virtual tours of Roman sites in Northern England including the Virtual Mithraeum at: <http://museums.ncl.ac.uk/archive/index.html>

**Wessex Archaeology:** Watch an online video showing the remarkable excavation of a rare roman coffin <http://www.vimeo.com/wessexarch>

**You wouldn't want to be a Roman gladiator!** Story book about life of gladiator based on book of the same name at: [www.salarinya.com/web\\_books/gladiator/](http://www.salarinya.com/web_books/gladiator/)

**The Romans in Britain:** a funny, lively interactive site at: [www.brimms.co.uk](http://www.brimms.co.uk)

**Museum of London:** learning zone at

<http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/English/Learning/Learningonline/>

**Romans Cyberhunt:** a quiz which takes you to a range of websites at:

[www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children\\_cyberhunts.htm](http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_cyberhunts.htm)

**Show me...Romans:** links to the best of UK's museums and galleries for learning, games and activities <http://www.show.me.uk/topicpage/Romans.html>

### **Good for research:**

**The Romans in Sussex:** all aspects of Roman life in Sussex in 1<sup>st</sup> person story format at:

[www.romansinsussex.co.uk/level1/livingin/index.asp](http://www.romansinsussex.co.uk/level1/livingin/index.asp)

**Rome:** virtual reconstructions of Roman house and bath at:

[http://www.taisei.co.jp/kodaitoshi/civil\\_e/civilization.html](http://www.taisei.co.jp/kodaitoshi/civil_e/civilization.html)

**Maecenas: Images of Ancient Greece and Rome:** 100s of high quality photos of classical art/architecture, including Roman Britain at: <http://wings.buffalo.edu/AandL/Maecenas/>

**Roman Gods:** very accessible reference guide to Roman gods with links to planets, days of week, months, paintings at: [www.geocities.com/joedkins/roman/index.htm](http://www.geocities.com/joedkins/roman/index.htm)

**British Museum:** high quality photos at:

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/families\\_and\\_children.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/families_and_children.aspx)

**Spartacus:** online encyclopaedia at: [www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/](http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/)

**Lesson plans and resources:** Useful lesson plans can be found at:

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/romans/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/romans/) and <http://www.historyonthenet.com/> and

[www.primaryresources.co.uk/](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/)

Further resources at: **Curriculum online** at: <http://www.qca.org.uk/>

**SchoolHistory:** good links at: [www.schoolhistory.co.uk](http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk)

**Schools Roman websites:** See Nettlesworth Primary School's award winning example. Click on their Timetrail at : [www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk](http://www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk)

Snaithe Primary School's interactive site at: <http://home.freeuk.net/elloughton13/romans.htm>