

LEGACY OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

A Global Cultural Influence Reference

LAW & GOVERNANCE

- **Civil Law:** The foundation for modern European and Latin American legal codes.
- **Republicanism:** Concept of representative government and senate systems.
- **Citizenship:** Legal status granting specific rights and protections.

LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

- **Romance Languages:** Evolution of Latin into French, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese.
- **Latin Alphabet:** The primary writing system for most Western languages.
- **Rhetoric:** Classical structures of persuasion used in modern oratory.

ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING

- **Structural Innovation:** Widespread use of the arch, vault, and dome.
- **Infrastructure:** Concepts of paved road networks and aqueduct plumbing.
- **Concrete:** Perfection of hydraulic cement for enduring construction.

URBAN PLANNING

- **Grid Systems:** Implementation of the 'Centuriation' city block layout.
- **Public Spaces:** The Forum as a blueprint for the modern city square.
- **Sanitation:** Early systemic approach to public baths and sewage.