

Roman culture and contributions

Roman Gods: Similar in function to Greek gods; different names (borrowed from the Greeks):

Zeus → Jupiter
Hera → Juno
Poseidon → Neptune
Apollo → Apollo
Aphrodite → Venus
Ares → Mars

Later, Roman Catholicism

Planets named after Roman gods
Days of the week after the planets

Julian calendar (later became Gregorian calendar which we use today)
July, August
Holidays: April Fool's Day

Sports

Colosseum/Coliseum (gladiators)
Circus Maximus (chariot races)

Concept of stadiums

Art

Mosaics
Bas-Relief

Oratory (speech-making)
Cicero

Language

Romance languages (Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italian, Romanian—all once ruled by Rome)

Architecture

Vaulted ceilings
Arches
Domes

Use of marble instead of brick

Concrete

Aqueducts

Constructed roads (use of layers)

Idioms:

When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
All roads lead to Rome.
Rome wasn't built in a day.