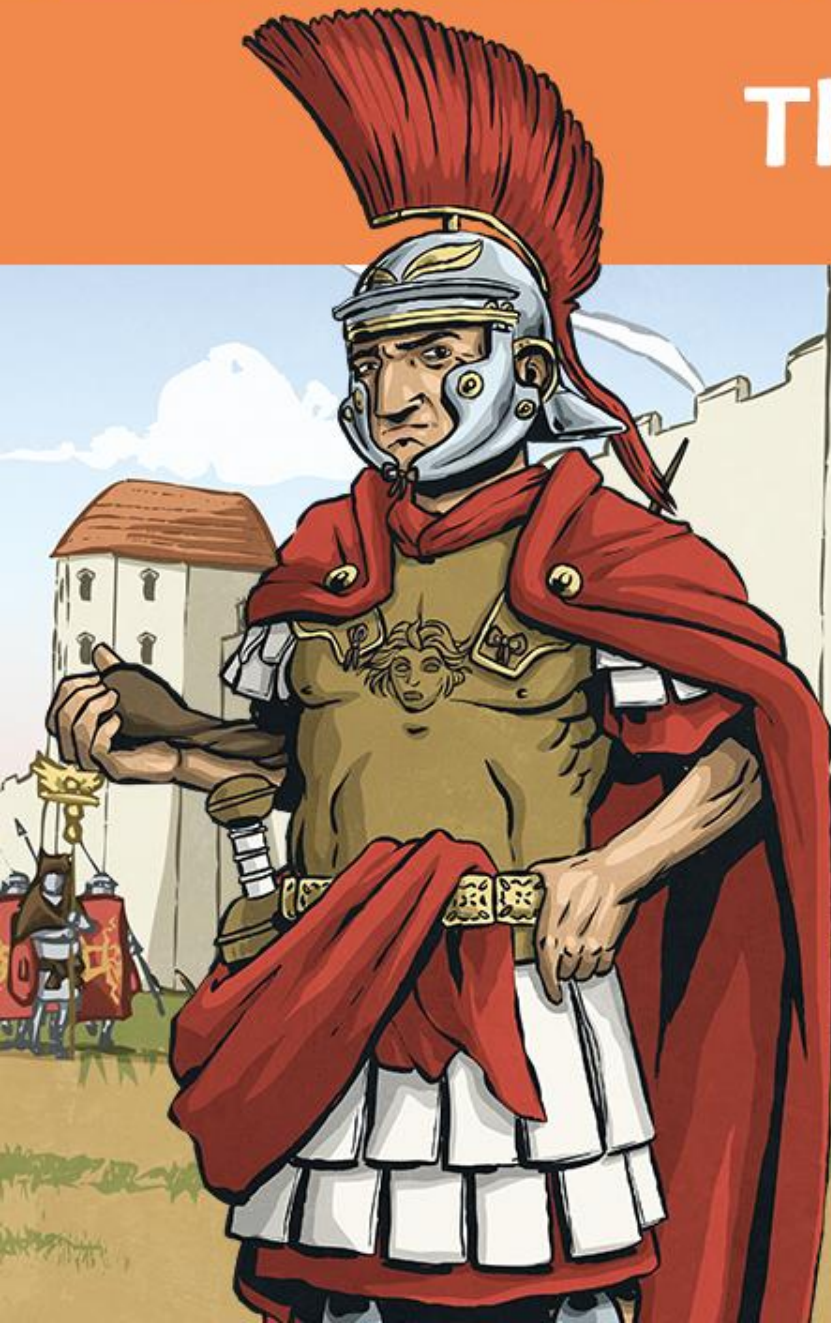
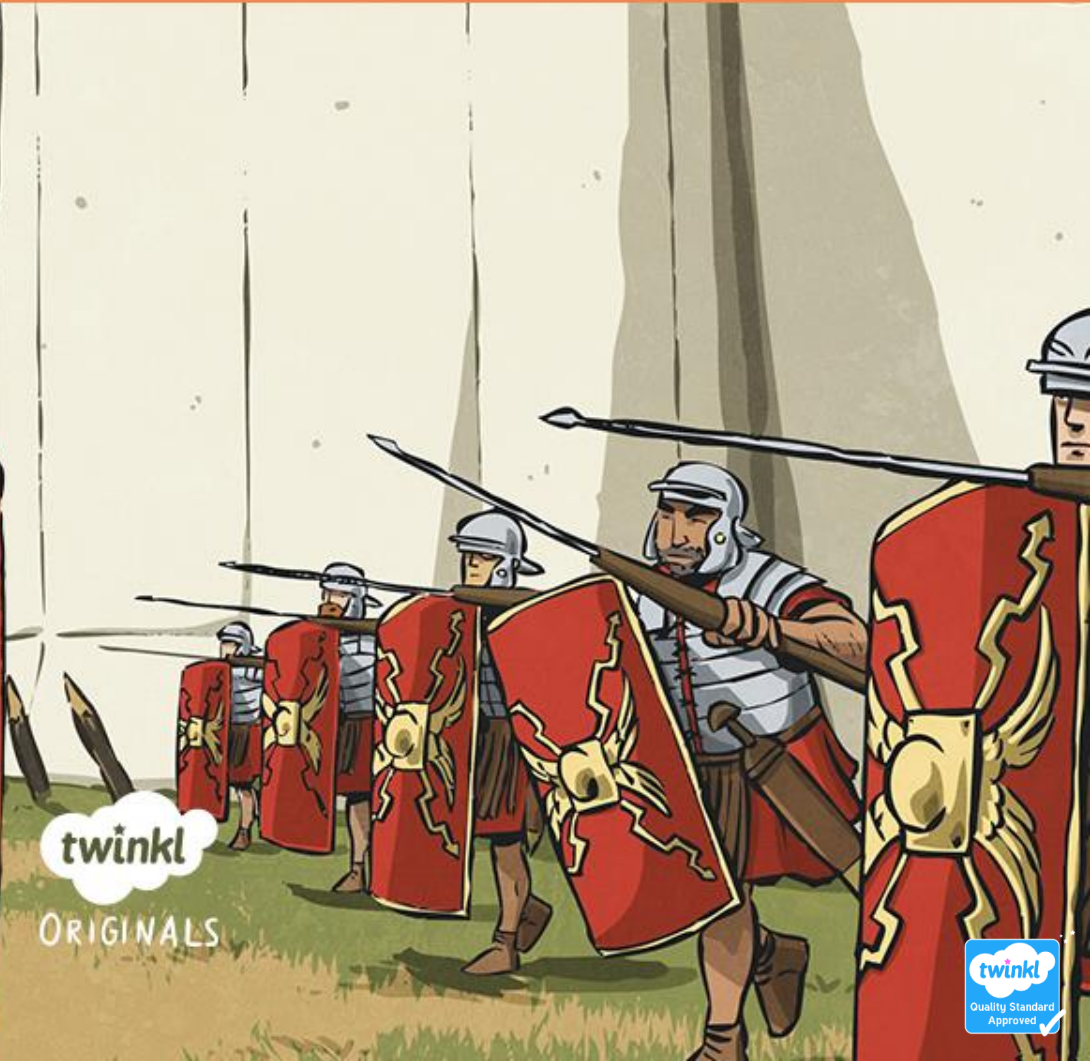


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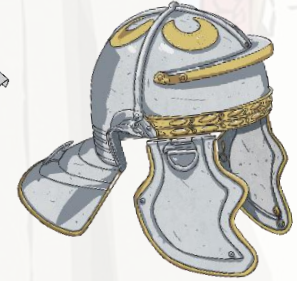
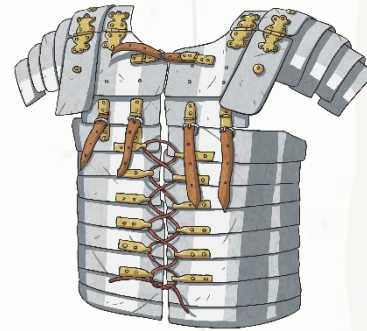
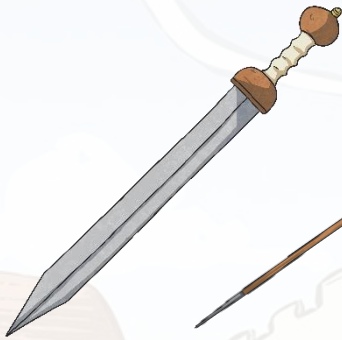


The Roman Army

**Welcome to Eboracum.
Are you tough enough to
become one of my
new recruits?**



A Legionary's Uniform



**What makes the
legionaries' uniform and
equipment so effective?**

A Legionary's Shield (scutum)

The shield was made of wood and leather and was carried on the soldier's left-hand side. It was decorated in red, brown and beige, and featured the Roman eagle.

The metal boss in the middle of the shield could be used for punching the enemy.

The shield was curved to protect the body. It was also rectangular in shape so that a number of shields could be joined together side-by-side during battle, to protect a group of soldiers.



A Legionary's Training

A legionary must:



learn to build camps, swim, sling stones, ride horses, mount and dismount horses fully armed with his shield and no stirrups;



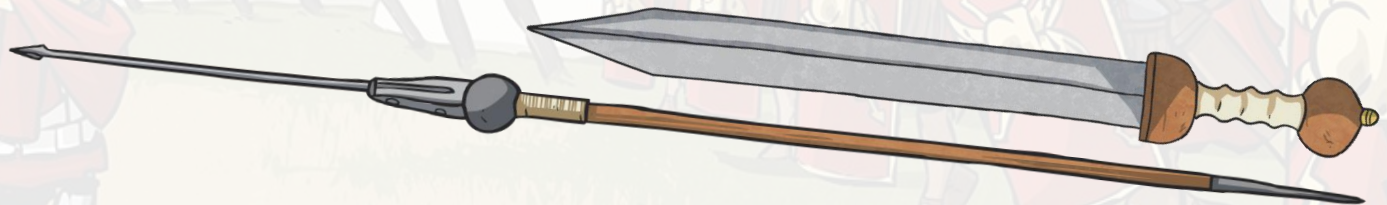
do a drill once a day, twice if he was a recruit;



march 30km 3 times a month wearing his armour which weighed 20kg;



learn how to use a sword, spear and fight mock battles with weapons which had covered tips for safety.



Military Manoeuvres

The Tortoise



The **Tortoise** was used to advance towards the enemy by creating a shell out of shields around a group of soldiers.

The Wedge



The **Wedge** was used to divide the enemy by the legion creating a 'V' shape and forcing it through the crowd.

Military Manoeuvres

The Repel-Cavalry



The **Repel-Cavalry** was used to protect against soldiers on horses. Soldiers used their shields as protection and threw spears.

The Orb



The **Orb** was used when the army had been split. The legionaries would protect the archers and officers by forming a circle with their shields.

Punishments and Rewards



Discipline was very harsh. Soldiers were beaten if they did not follow orders.

Deserters, and soldiers who left their post or fell asleep whilst on look-out, were beaten to death by their fellow soldiers.

On a more positive note there were awards for bravery for different ranks, such as medals, arm bands and neck bands. Gold crowns and silver spears were given to officers.

Ready for Battle?

**Would you like to be a
Roman soldier?
What do you think life was
like for the soldiers?
See if you can find out
more about life in the
Roman army.**





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