

Daily Life in the Roman Empire

How did wealth affect daily life in the Roman Empire?

P R E V I E W

Examine the projected image of a street scene in the Roman Empire. (**Note:** This image is also in Section 2 of your book.) Then answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What interesting details do you see?

2. How do you know this is an image of ancient Rome?

3. Which people in the image do you think are rich? Which are poor?
How can you tell?

4. What do you think daily life might have been like for rich Romans?
For poor Romans?

READING NOTES

Key Content Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

Forum
rule of law

paterfamilias
Colosseum

Circus Maximus

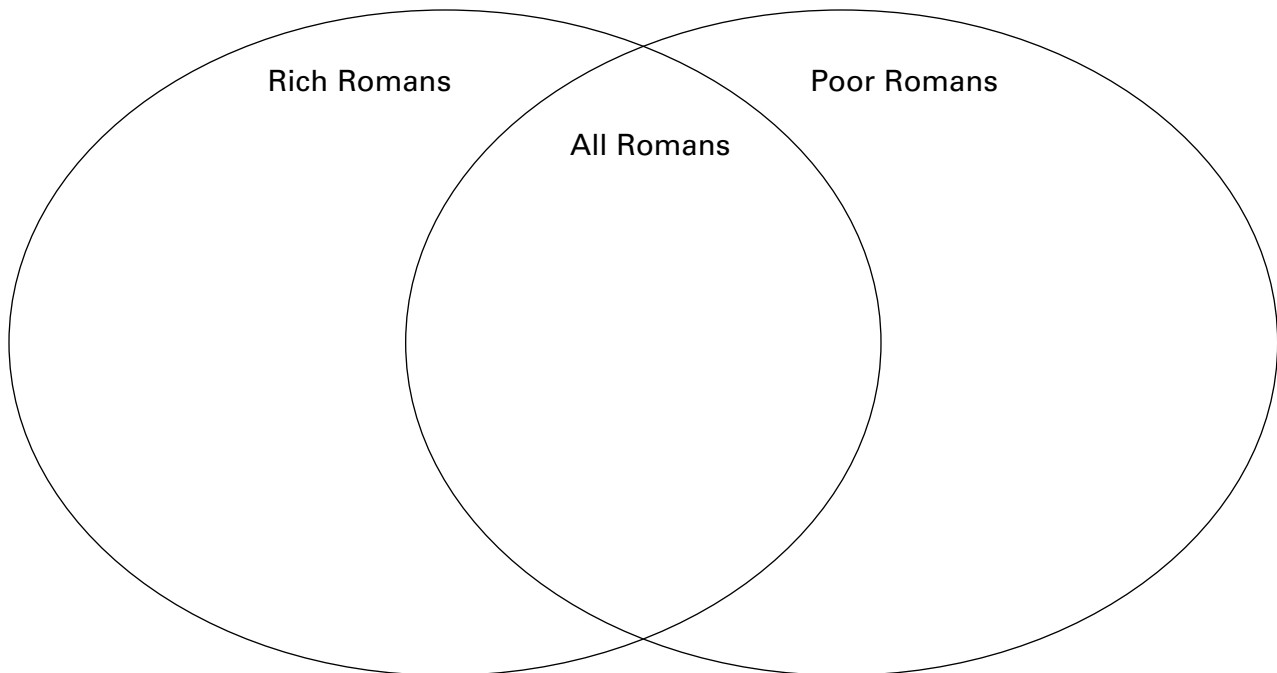
Section 2

List two ways that life differed for rich and poor people of the Roman Empire.

Rich Romans	Poor Romans
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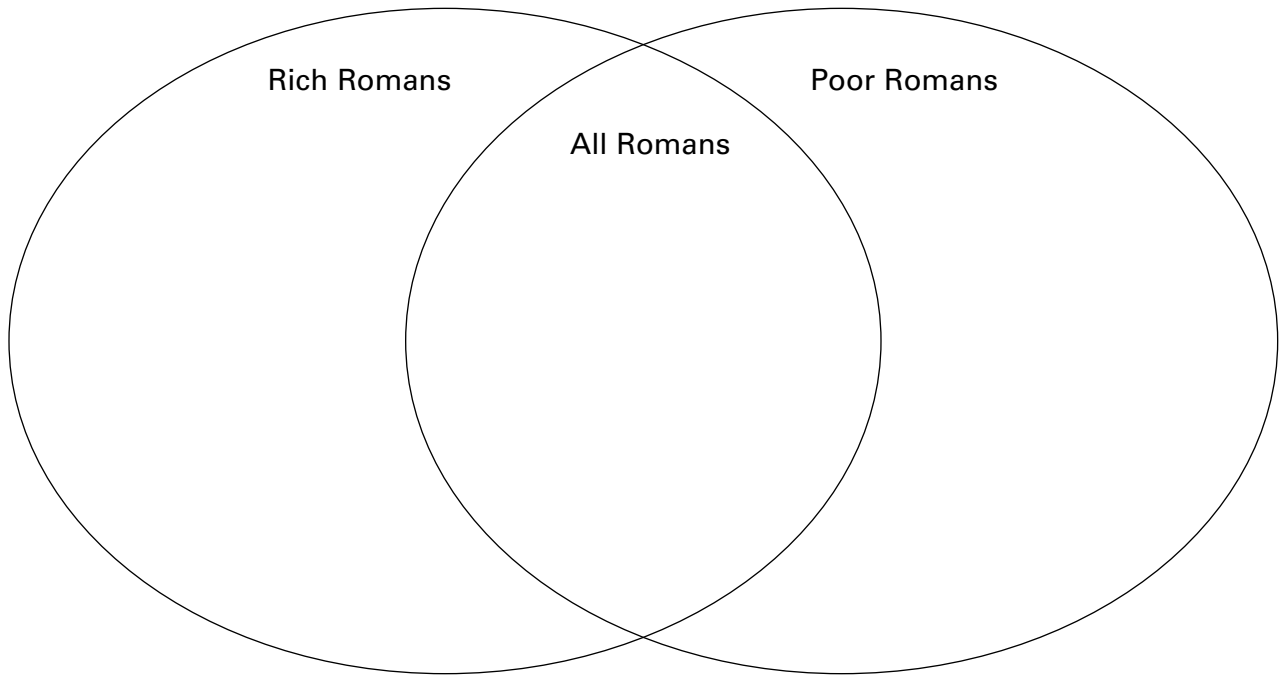
Section 3

Complete the Venn diagram below by describing *law and order* in the Roman Empire.



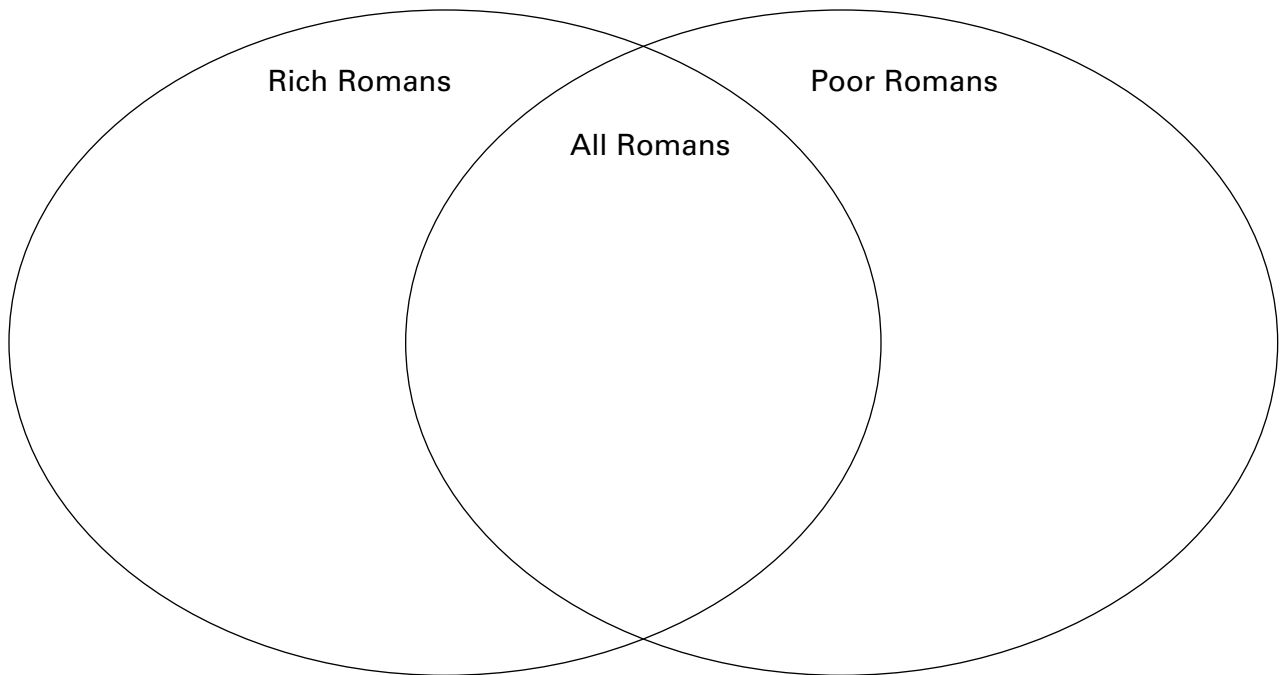
Section 4

Complete the Venn diagram below by describing *religion* in the Roman Empire.



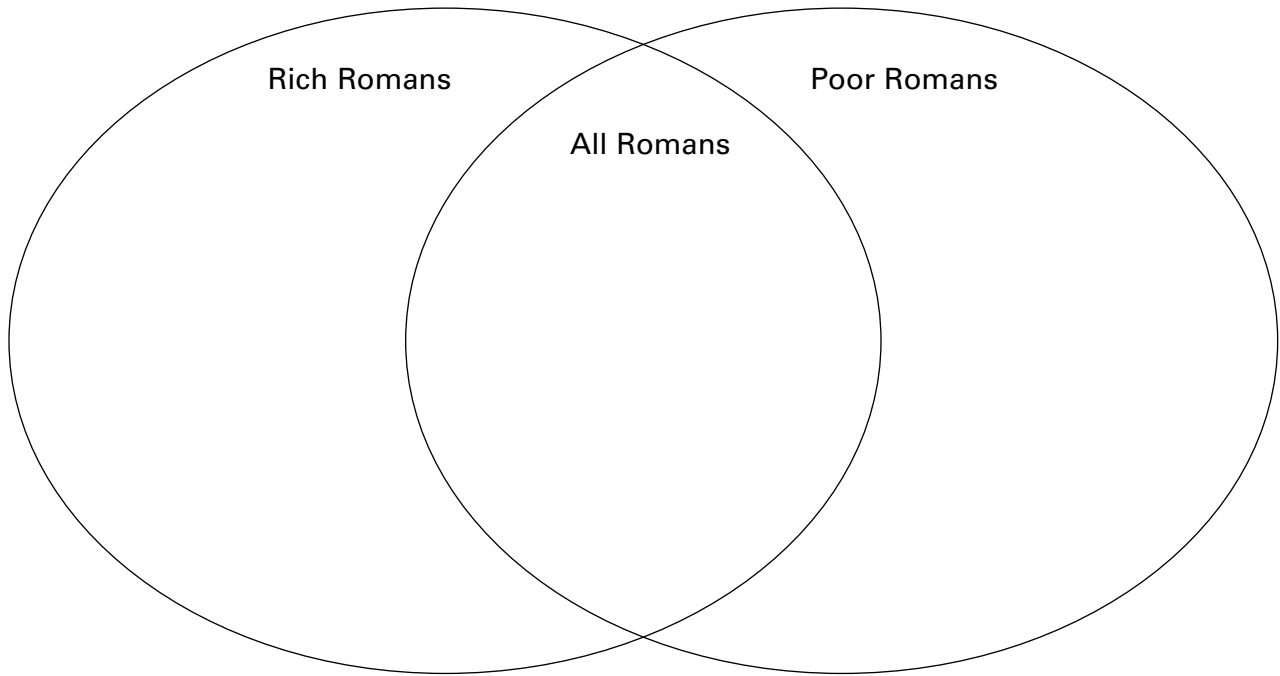
Section 5

Complete the Venn diagram below by describing *family life* in the Roman Empire.



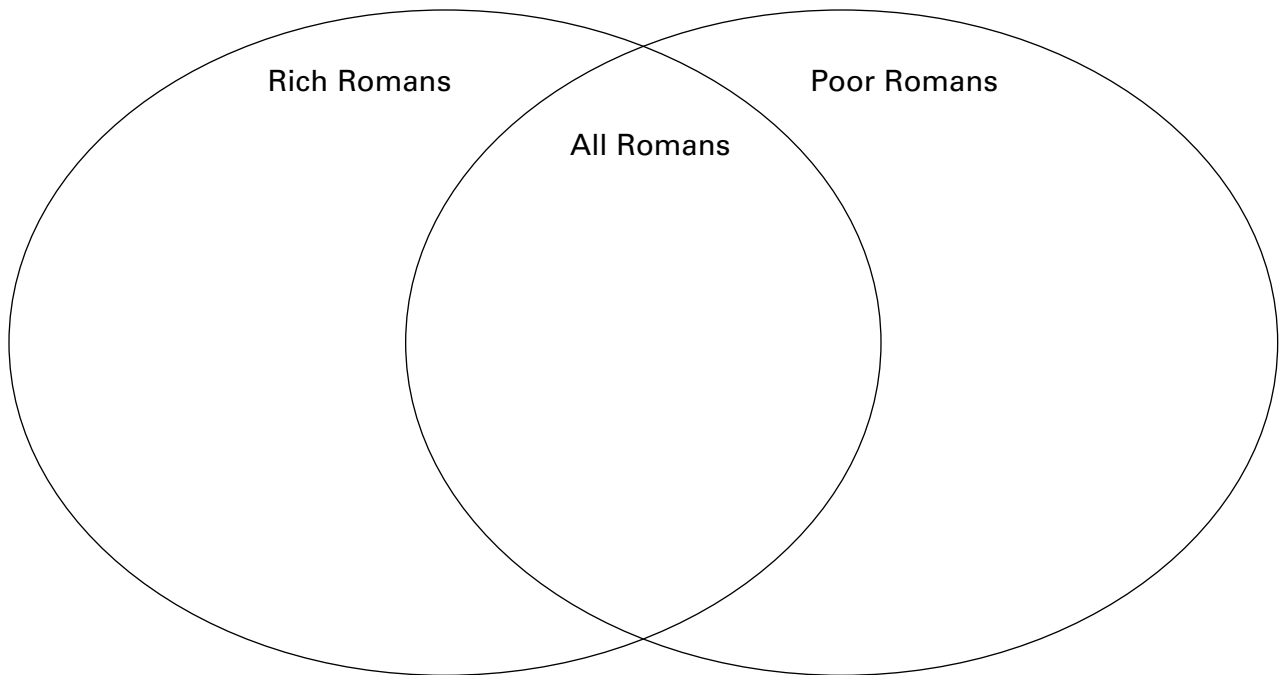
Section 6

Complete the Venn diagram below by describing *food and drink* in the Roman Empire.



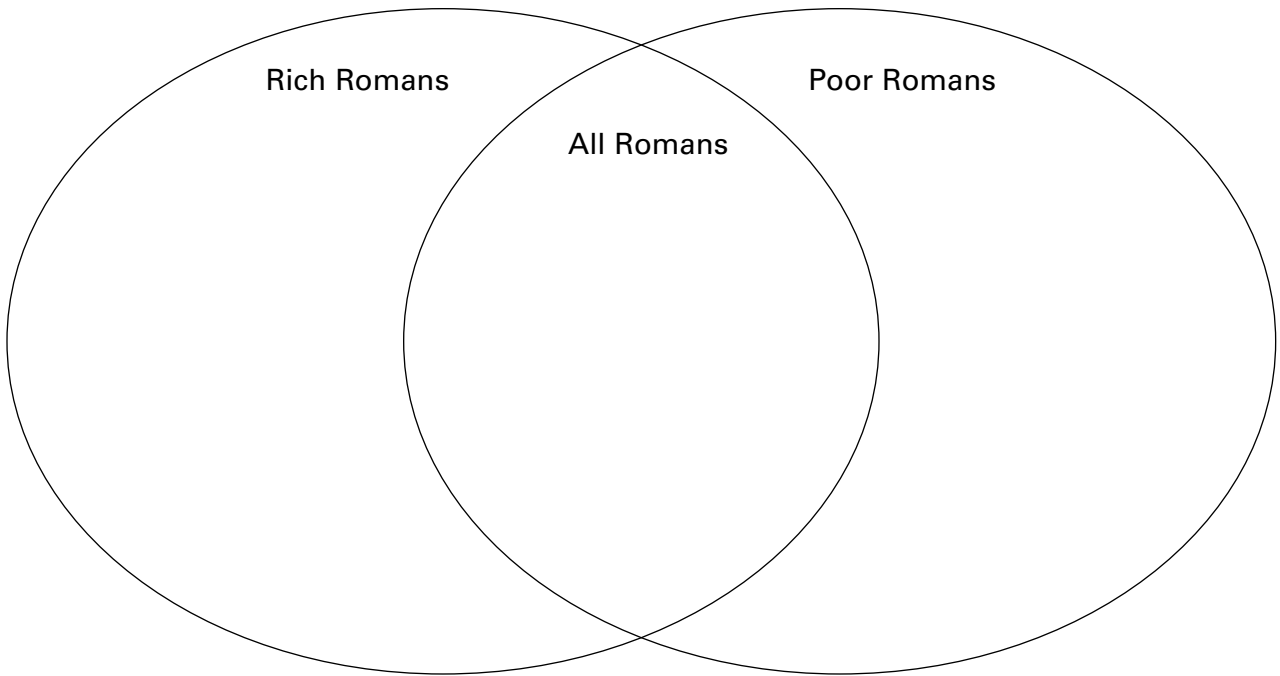
Section 7

Complete the Venn diagram below by describing *housing* in the Roman Empire.



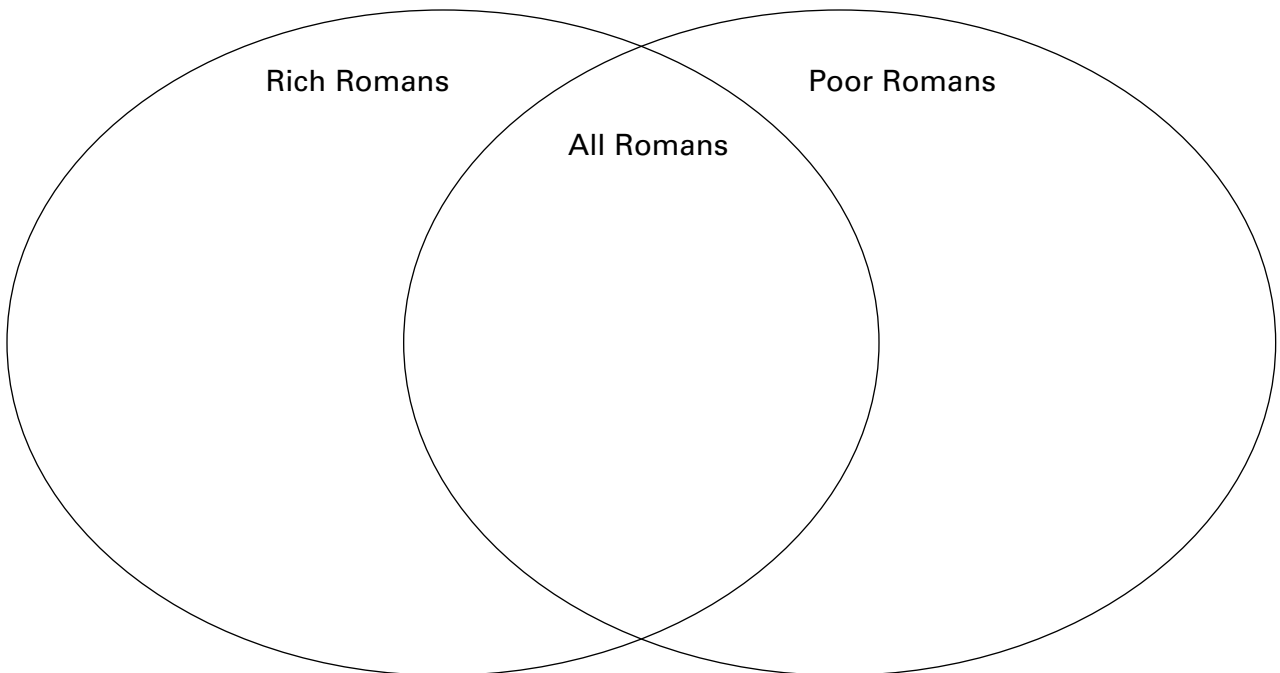
Section 8

Complete the Venn diagram below by describing *education* in the Roman Empire.



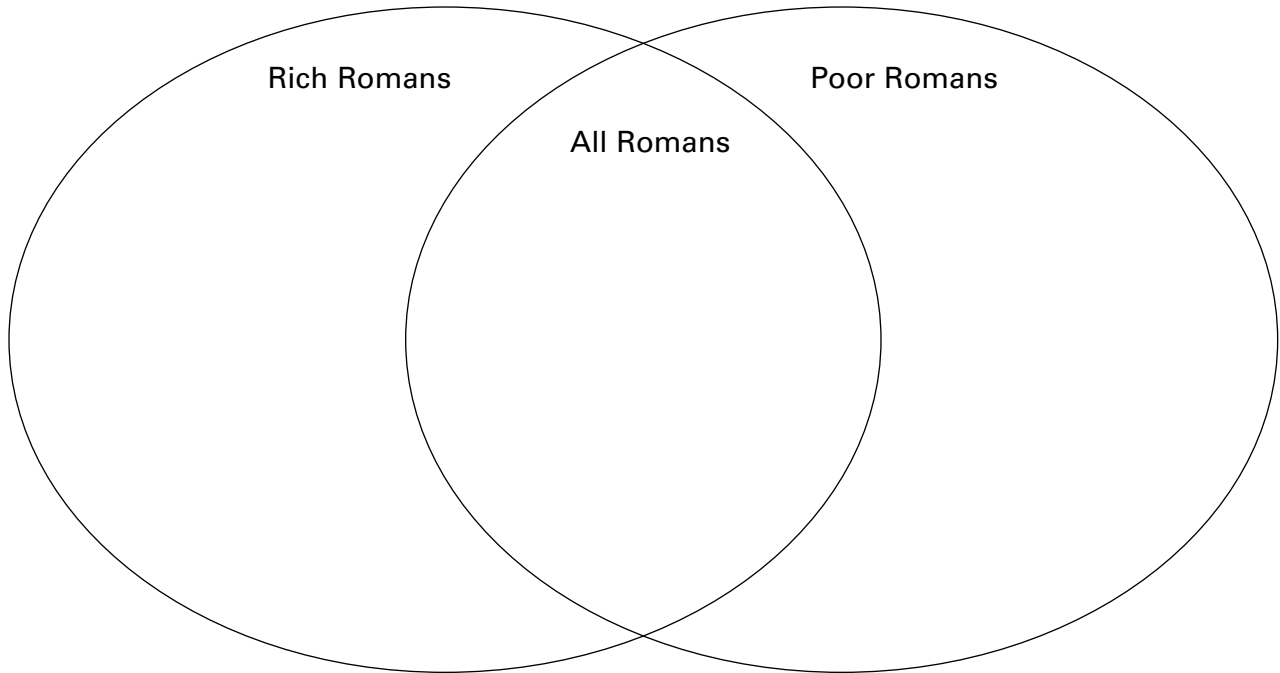
Section 9

Complete the Venn diagram below by describing *recreation* in the Roman Empire.



Section 10

Complete the Venn diagram below by describing *country life* in the Roman Empire.



P R O C E S S I N G

On a separate piece of paper, write a dialogue between a rich Roman and a poor Roman that might have taken place in 100 C.E. Your dialogue must

- be written as if two people were talking to each other.
- begin with these opening lines:
 - Rich Roman:* "Life is great in the Roman Empire!"
 - Poor Roman:* "Not for all of us! What's so good about your daily life?"
 - Rich Roman:* "Rome is an amazing place if you have money. For example, . . ."
- describe at least four aspects of life from a rich Roman's perspective.
- describe at least four aspects of life from a poor Roman's perspective.
- be free of spelling and grammatical errors.