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Patricians



The rich and powerful  
in Roman society.

Plebeians



The poorer members  
of Roman society.

Slaves



About one-third of the  
people living in Rome  
were slaves.

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Freedman



Sometimes a master freed a slave who had served him well. They were called freedmen.

Oratory



The art of public speaking, which was practised in schools.

Papyrus



Paper made from reeds in Roman society.

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Toga

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The official dress of a Roman citizen.

Tunics

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It was like a long, knee-length T-shirt, tied around the waist.

Stola

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A long woollen tunic worn by a woman after she married.

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Insulae

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The blocks of flats in which plebeians lived.

Thermoplae

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Food shops found by archaeologists in Pompeii.

Lares

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These were household gods.

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Atrium

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The central courtyard of a patrician's home.

Forum

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One of the most important places in Rome. It began as a marketplace, then many fine buildings were built around it.

Rostra

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It was a tall public platform from which men could make speeches, criticising the government and asking for votes.

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Via Sacra

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The Via Sacra, or holy road, was a road running through the centre of the Forum. It was used for triumphal processions.

Jupiter

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The father of the gods.

Juno

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Jupiter's wife and the goddess of women and the home.

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Venus



The goddess of love.

Mars



The god of war.

Saturn



The god of farming.

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Vesta



The goddess of the household and the hearth.

Pontifex  
Maximus



The High Priest.

Catacombs



Underground  
cemeteries.