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A Roman Soldier Handbook

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Summary

This handbook contains information and facts about Roman legionary life, from food to paychecks and to their everyday life in the Roman army. The text is accompanied by photos and illustrations.

The book also offers a short glossary and further reading, listing websites, books and places you can visit and learn about the Roman army in the UK, such as Vindolanda.

Analysis

The aim of this handbook is to provide young readers with relevant information about the life of a Roman legionary in a fun and lighthearted way. Together with the facts about the Roman army life are tips, such as how to ask for a letter of recommendation from someone important, and advice to wear a scar; there is even a garum recipe. Overall, this handbook gives the readers a glimpse to what it was like to serve in one of the strongest armies ever created. This guidebook makes the Roman army come to life. It is not just a collection of dry facts, but rather they are presented in an enticing and entertaining way, using anecdotes, tips and even a few Latin words and phrases. Things are presented in a way that can attract the curiosity and engagement of young readers, who should find much of interest in the information about the basic clothing for soldiers or their nourishment, facts which are not common knowledge.

In the end, while the guide offers fun and interesting facts, it mainly emphasizes that Roman soldiers had to work very hard under rough conditions in order to stay alive and earn their keep. This makes the readers value their sacrifices and toils.

Classical, Mythological,
Traditional Motifs,
Characters, and
Concepts

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Other Motifs, Figures,

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and Concepts Relevant
for Children and Youth
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