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Roman Things to Make and Do

United Kingdom (2012)

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| General information | |
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| Title of the work | Roman Things to Make and Do |
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Additional information

Summary

This is an activity book which offers 18 Roman-themed activities for children: standing soldier paperchain, racing chariot painting, Roman sword, soldier's shield, city collage, gladiator fight, senate picture, scroll, sticker pages, emperor's wreath, Pop-up Roman god card (Neptune, Diana and Jupiter) coins and money bags, printed mosaics, catapult, cuffs and bangles, Roman feast picture, actor's masks, how to wear a toga. There are short information bubbles for each activity.

Analysis

This activity book offers a diverse glance at the ancient Romans. The activities are not focused only on the military aspect of Roman life, but also on entertainment, culture and everyday life. Even Roman numbers are explained. Hence they provide a broader look and understanding of ancient Rome. The short information blurbs on each activity provide the necessary information for understanding it. For example, in the "senate picture" activity, the note explains what the senate was and how many senators sat in it. On the Roman gods' activity, it is explained that Romans believed in many different gods and there is a short explanation for Neptune Diana and Jupiter. Probably for creativity's sake, Neptune has a fish tail.

This is an example of a fun and creative pedagogical book which can accompany school classes on the subject of ancient Rome or function as an initial introduction to ancient Roman culture.

Classical, Mythological,
Traditional Motifs,
Characters, and
Concepts

[Diana Emperor Gladiators Gods Neptune Roman Senate](#)

Other Motifs, Figures,
and Concepts Relevant
for Children and Youth
Culture

[Joy of reading Learning](#)



Ayelet Peer, "Entry on: Roman Things to Make and Do by Vicky Arrowsmith, Leonie Pratt ", peer-reviewed by Lisa Maurice and Daniel A. Nkemele. *Our Mythical Childhood Survey* (Warsaw: University of Warsaw, 2020). Link: <http://omc.obta.al.uw.edu.pl/myth-survey/item/950>. Entry version as of April 25, 2025.



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