

Roman contributions

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- Rome's military conquests led directly to its cultural growth as a society, as the Romans benefited greatly from contact with such advanced cultures as the Greeks. The Romans did not invent and create most of their greatest discoveries, but they took the ideas of many of the cultures they conquered. They took these ideas and used their scholars to make them better and used all the inventions from other cultures to help create one great and huge empire. Rome stimulated and prompts this society by the construction of the Via Egnatia and the installation of Roman merchants in the cities along the Via Egnatia. The Via Egnatia was a long road that crossed the Roman provinces of Illyricum, Macedonia, and Thrace. The Roman government brought, along with its roads and new government system that benefited both the Roman ruling class and the lower classes (1). The improvement of the living conditions of the productive classes brought about an increase in the number artisans and craftspeople to the region. Stonemasons, miners, blacksmiths, etc. were employed in every kind of commercial activity and craft. This created a huge increase in trade and an economic boom that created a much better living conditions and leisure time (1). - Romans contributed many things to the later civilizations. They made many technological advances that were used throughout civilizations even today. They began the industrial use of aqueducts that brought water to the cities of Rome from miles away. They got the ideas of aqueducts from the Etruscans, but they perfected it by making it timed and have to pay for your running water by the time that you use it. Just like many people do today (2). The Romans took ideas from other cultures and spread these ideas throughout the Roman Empire. This made the human society in the Roman Empire more advanced by spreading the ideas of others throughout the

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empire. The citizens of the Roman Empire could think and get ideas from different individuals with the road ways and highly traveled trade routes all through the Roman Empire. - The Romans used many of the inventions of others to make their society better and more advanced. They used the aqueducts and even the gladiator games from the Etruscans. When they conquered other cultures they brought in the better ideas from their culture and created their own more sophisticated version that they used and made their civilization great and powerful. They also built many roads that were very important in the trading and transportation in the Roman society. They used the resources from each of the other cultures and societies that they conquered for their empire. They used the great grain from Egypt, the great agriculture and livestock of Macedonia (2), and the amazing scientific ideas from the Greek scientist and culture. 1) <http://www.unrv.com/provinces/macedonia.php> 2) http://www.mariamilani.com/ancient_rome/ancient_roman_inventions.htm