

The Roman Job Project

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You will select one of the jobs on the attached list in class today. Once you have chosen your job, you need to do four things:

- 1) Research what kind of duties your job entailed (N.B. all of the books that you need for this project are on the reserve cart at the library).
- 2) Write two paragraphs *in the first person* (i.e. I went to the forum today. I washed clothing today) about what kind of work you did, where you did it and what kind of equipment you used. Please email the file to me as an attachment (we will go over how to do this in class today).
- 3) Draw a picture of yourself doing your job (again, try to be accurate about what you wore, what kind of tools or equipment you had, and where you did your job. Please use an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper.
- 4) Draw a small icon (3" x 3") that represents your job in some way (this is what people will first see on the web page, so you want to be sure that it is a) appealing and b) attention-getting!).
- 5) For your section, the project is due on: _____
Late projects will go down **one full letter grade** each day that they are late.
- 6) Please don't hesitate to come see me if you have any questions!
- 7) Have fun!

Roman Jobs

Baker
Butcher
Cloth seller
Tailor
Pottery maker
Olive oil dealer
Miller
Metalsmith
Cook
Glassmaker
Furniture maker
Jeweller
Gem cutter
Beautician
Teacher
Cobbler
Spinner
Weaver
Fuller
Cleaner
Clerk
Agent
Slave dealer
Lawyer
Merchant, retail
Hunter

Cursus honorum

Consul
Praetor
Quaestor
Aedile
senator

Public Entertainment

Gladiator
Gladiator trainer
Gladiator school owner
Retiarius
Murmillo
Thracian
Samnite

Actor
Musician
Play writer
Dancer
Costumers

Chariot driver
Chariot maker
Groom
Trainer

Boxer
Wrestler
Runner/ Sprinter
Javelin thrower
Jumper
Decathathlete

Agricultural

Gardener
Mosaicist
Farmer
Herdsman

Construction/Building

Sculptor
Carpenter
Painter
Mason
Bridge Builder
Quarryman
Boat Builder
Brick Maker
Bridge Architect
Brick Layer
Building Architect
Painter
Surveyor
City Planner

Roman Job Project Scavenger Hunt

Answer the questions, using the information from A-Innkeeper (including Innkeeper). The first group to answer all questions correctly will win a small prize.

1. Whose job is it to wash the writing off the walls of the building in which they work?
2. Who perfumed their product with strong aromas (like cinnamon) after finishing their job?
3. Whose students are expected to copy the famous writer's style in their own literature?
4. Whose job is filled with tiring events, poverty and a strong belief in the gods?
5. In order to have the profession, you need to be wealthy and have a respectable past.
6. What is a tormenta?
7. How did doctors "cure" their patients?
8. What is made of tiny fragments of stone, broken bricks and well selected sand?
9. Who struggles with the problem of robbery of possessions?
10. Who observes the feeding habits of captive chickens? Why?
11. Who had to work extra hours if someone wanted their product immediately?
12. Name three tools used in Roman food preparation.
13. Whose job entailed the use of leather buckets, sponges and small pumps? What were the sponges used for?
14. Who wore a pallium?
15. Who uses a plumb bob? What is it?
16. What is a summer hazard for carters?
17. Who uses a die carved in hard steel? What do you need to do to it twice?
18. Who posts their prices on the walls?
19. Whose job is often featured in the works of famous sculptors?
20. Who buys their product wholesale at the forum boarium?
21. Who could confiscate your belongings and sell you into slavery?
22. Who no longer makes their product out of melted sand?
23. Who makes claws? For what purpose?
24. What is a mixture of mud, sand and water called?
25. What's a spina? To whom is it very important?
26. What are calcei? And what do they have on the bottom of them?
27. Whose job is like that of minister of justice?
28. Who got chest pains and coughs from doing their job?
29. What is garum (i.e. how is it made)? What is it used for?
30. Who attends to the affairs of the treasury?
31. Whose job required collecting urine?
32. What was used to make sturdy ropes and sacks?
33. Whose work involved "quinqueremes" and what are they?