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Roads Built by Roman Workers

Circle group

Long ago, Rome was a big place. Its people needed good roads. So workers built them.

First, they dug a flat path. Next, they put down rocks and gravel. Last, they set big flat stones on top. The road was hard and strong.

People walked on the roads. Horses and carts rolled on them. Some of the roads are still here today.

Questions

1. Who built the roads?

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2. What did workers put on top of the road?

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3. What did workers put down before the flat stones?

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4. Who used the roads?

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5. Why do some roads still last today?

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Words to know

gravel: small bits of rock

path: a way to walk from one place to another

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Roads Built by Roman Workers

Triangle group

Long ago, Rome was a very big place. Its people needed good roads. So workers built them.

First, they dug a long, flat path. Next, they put down layers of rocks and gravel. Last, they set big flat stones on top. The road was hard and strong.

Many Roman roads were straight. People walked on them. Horses and carts rolled on them too. Some of the roads are still there today. You can see them in Italy and in other places that Rome once ruled. Think of all the feet that have walked there!

Questions

1. Who built the roads?

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2. What did workers put on top of the road?

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3. What did workers put down before the flat stones?

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4. Who used the roads?

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5. Why do some Roman roads still last today?

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Words to know

Roman: from the city of Rome or its people long ago
gravel: small bits of rock
layer: one flat part laid on top of another
path: a way to walk from one place to another

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Roads Built by Roman Workers

Square group

Long ago, Rome was an enormous place, and its people needed good roads to travel on. So teams of workers set out to build them.

First, they dug a long, flat path into the ground. Next, they packed down several layers of rocks and gravel. Finally, they fitted big, flat stones across the top. The finished road was hard and very strong.

Many Roman roads ran in straight lines. People walked on them, and horses and carts rolled along them too. Some of those roads are still standing today, and you can see them in Italy and in other places that Rome once ruled.

Questions

1. Who built the roads for Rome?

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2. What did the workers fit across the top of the road?

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3. What did the workers pack down before they added the flat stones?

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4. Who traveled on the roads?

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5. Why do you think some Roman roads are still standing today?

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Words to know

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gravel: small bits of rock

layer: one flat part laid on top of another
path: a way to walk from one place to another

Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Roads Built by Roman Workers

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Roads Built by Roman Workers

Easier · 62 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. Workers.
2. Big flat stones.
3. Rocks and gravel.
4. People, horses and carts.
5. They were built hard and strong.

Triangle: Roads Built by Roman Workers

This passage · 94 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Workers.
2. Big flat stones.
3. Layers of rocks and gravel.
4. People, horses and carts.
5. The roads were built hard and strong with layers of rock.

Square: Roads Built by Roman Workers

Harder · 104 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 4

1. Teams of workers.
2. Big, flat stones.
3. Several layers of rocks and gravel.
4. People, horses and carts.
5. They were built hard and strong, with many layers of rock.