Ancient Rome

POPULATION

The Roman empire grew for hundreds of years. At its peak, there were between 70 and 100 million citizens under Roman rule.

EMPERORS

After Julius Caesar was murdered, Rome became an empire. Over the years, many emperors ruled, some for longer than others. These are the top 10, longest ruling emperors in the Roman empire.

= 1 million people

GODS

The Ancient Romans had lots of gods. These gods were used to instil morals and give people a sense of pride. Some Roman gods were borrowed from the Ancient Greeks, but some were original. Let's look at some of the most popular.



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SLAVERY

Owning slaves was legal in Ancient Rome. Lots of the horrible, day-to-day work was done by slave labour.

At the height of its power, 35% of all people in the city of Rome were slaves.

RETRIEVAL FOCUS

- 1. What did the Romans use to give people a sense of pride?
- 2. Who was the god of poetry?
- 3. What percentage of the population were slaves when Rome was strongest?
- 4. For how long did Caracalla reign?

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V

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5. What work was done by the slaves?

VIPERS QUESTIONS

- What does the word "instil" mean?
 - Which emperor reigned for the third longest?
 - What does the phrase "at its peak" mean?

What do the names of most of the Gods have in common with the modern age?

Why has the author used the visual chart to show how long emperors ruled for?

Answers:

- 1. Gods
- 2. Mercury
- 3. 35%
- 4. 19 years
- 5. Horrible, day-to-day jobs
- V: To show people and embed it in them
- S: Tiberius
- V: When it was biggest/largest/at its strongest/most powerful
- S: Most of them are all linked to space/planet names
- E: Because it makes it easier to quickly see how long each reigned for in proportion to the others