

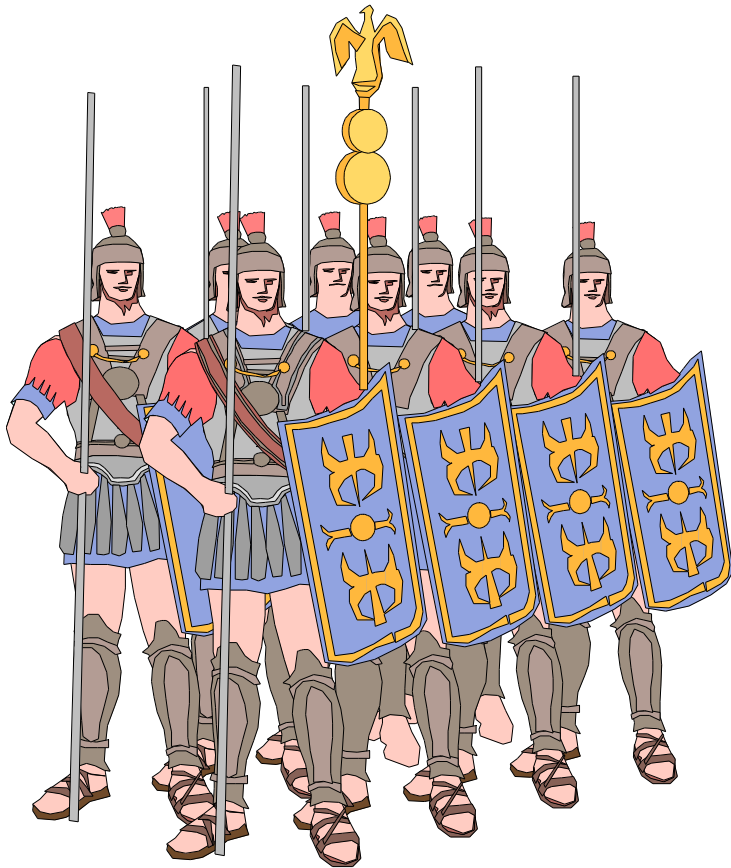
THE ROMAN ARMY

How was the Roman Army organized?

- Main part of the army was the **LEGION**
- This was made up of 5000-6000 men under the command of the **LEGATE**



How the Roman Army was organized



- The legion was divided into ten cohorts
- Each cohort was made up of six centuries
- The centuries were commanded by a centurion
- Centuries originally had 100 men

How the Roman Army was organized



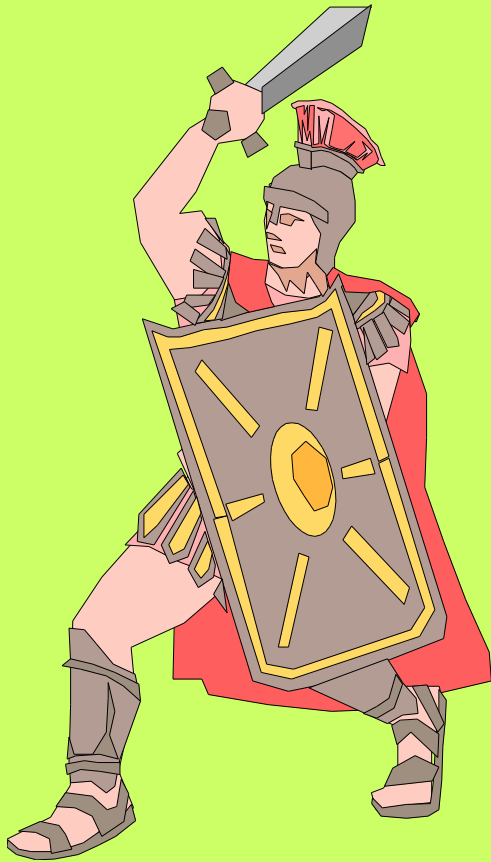
- The centurions were very important men
- They were responsible for training the soldiers under their command and making sure everyone obeyed orders.
- Some were very cruel

Standard Bearers

- Each century had its own emblem or standard.
- This was carried by the standard bearer, a very experienced and trusted soldier
- To lose your standard was a great disgrace



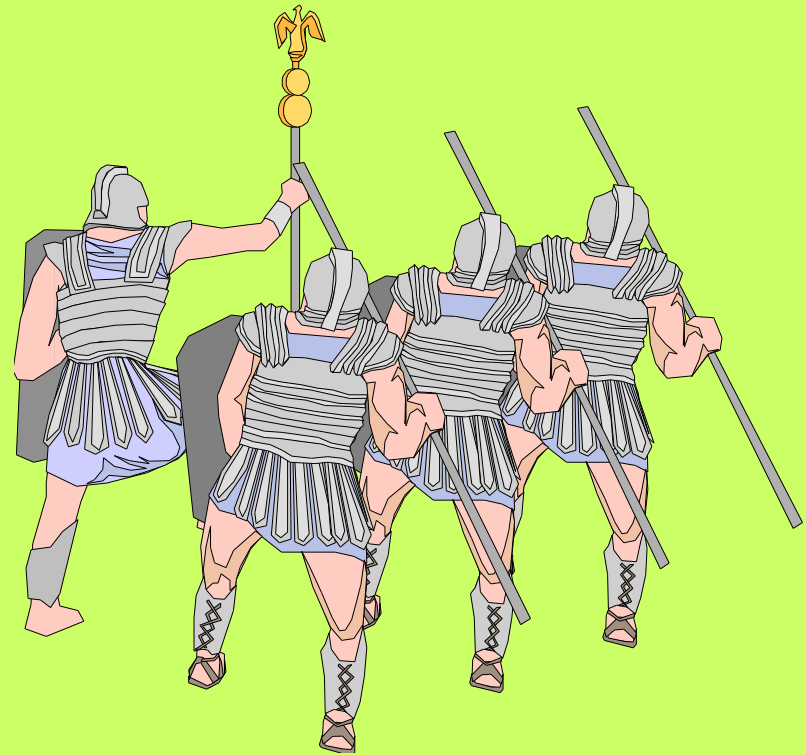
How to become a Legionary!



- You had to be a Roman citizen
- You had to be physically fit and 5 ft. 3 inches tall
- You were expected to stay in the army for 25 years

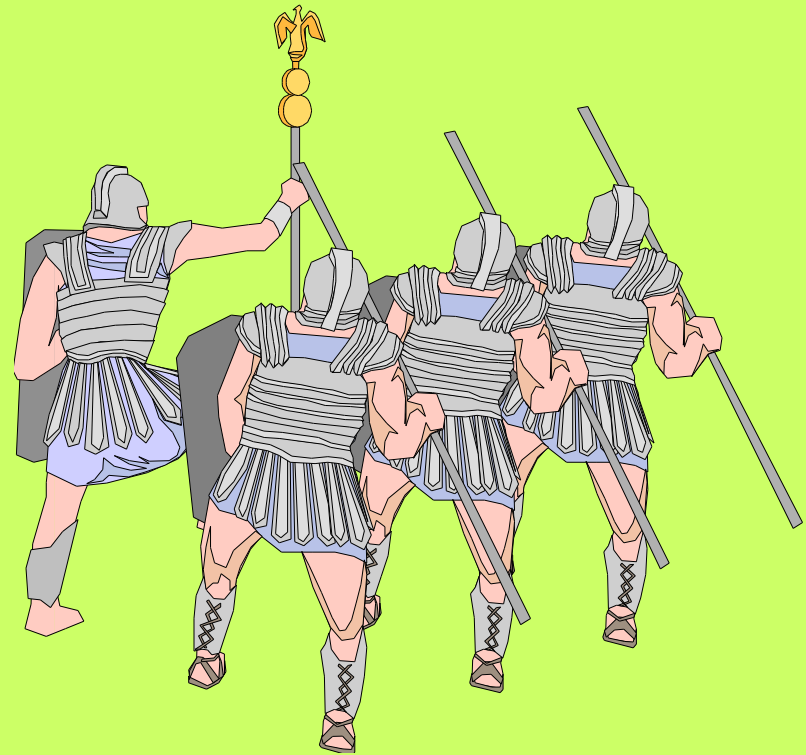
Training

- Most soldiers joined between 18-20 years old
- There were three 20 mile marches each month
- On each march the legionary would carry over 50 pounds of equipment



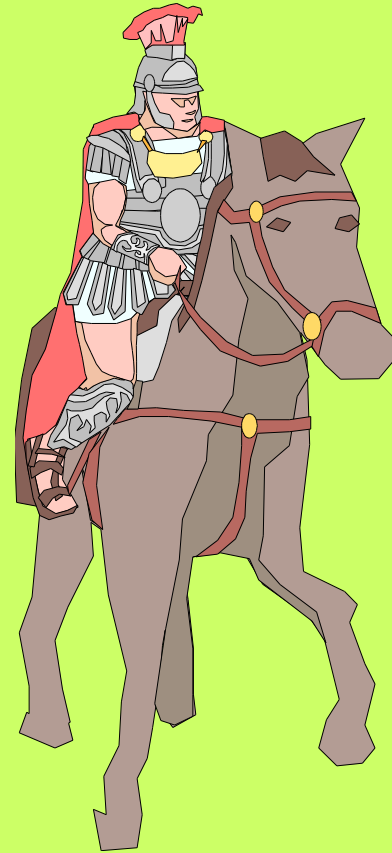
Training

- Legionaries would also learn drill, or marching
- This was important for learning manoeuvres in battle
- New recruits were given shields and swords twice as heavy as the real thing!



Who else was in the Army?

- Auxiliaries- These were soldiers from lands conquered by the Romans
- Volunteered to fight
- many of these had special skills- like cavalry soldiers



Auxiliaries

- Archers
- Most fought with a sword and short spear
- Thought of by Romans as second class soldiers , paid less and not trained as rigorously
- After 25 years- they became Citizens (and their children too!)

Extra Credit Recruitment Poster

- Create a poster recruiting men for the Roman Army.
- It should include what most help wanted ads have
 - Picture and slogan
 - Requirements/qualifications
 - Job Description/duties
 - Benefits and salary