



The Roman's Amazing Army! – Samuel

Did you know?

Only men could join the Roman army. There were two types of soldiers: legionaries and auxiliaries. Legionaries were the very best and Roman! Auxiliaries were not Roman citizens and fought on the frontline.

Fascinating Fact!

The legionary wore his sword high on the right side of his body so he could still hold his sword on the left.

Roman Kit list

The basic equipment of a Roman soldier was:

Cassis - helmet

Lorica Segmentata - armour

Focale and cingulum - scarf and tunic worn under armour

Gladius - sword, 18-24 inches long

Pilum (plural pila) - medium-length throwing spear

Scutum - shield

Red Battle Cloak

Caligae or military boots.



The Tortoise (Testudo)

One of the Romans most famous formations was the Tortoise (testudo). Testudo is the Latin word for "tortoise". It was used to protect the soldiers. The soldiers in front and sides interlocked their shields. The soldiers in the back lines placed their shields over their heads to form a protective "shell" over top of the men.

