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Engineering an Empire: Rome Viewing Guide

**Augustus**

1. What was Rome’s engineer’s secret weapon that enabled them to build bigger, stronger, and faster, than anyone else?

2. Of all the achievements of Rome’s engineers, what was the most life altering?

3. In the capital city, how many aqueduct lines were there? How many gallons of water did they supply to the city each day?

**Claudius**

4. On the frontier, his legions conquered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, something even Julius Caesar failed to do.

5. If the aqueduct walls needed to be higher than 6 ½ feet off the ground, the Romans saved building materials while still adding strength by perfecting this ancient engineering concept?

6. What is the name of the last stone placed in the arch that evenly distributes the weight?

7. Who did Claudius marry that sent shockwaves through the empire? What did she convince Claudius to do?

**Nero**

8. Who was number one on the list of arson suspects that started the fire of 64 B.C.?

9. Who did Nero blame for the fire?

10. What was the fate of Agrapina?

11. What was the engineering innovation is buried beneath Rome in Nero’s Domus Aurea?

12. What artists drew inspiration from the Domus Aurea when it was rediscovered? What did they call the art form that they found?

**Vespasian**

13. Vespasian drained the massive lake that Nero built and constructed this famous Roman structure on the same site.

14. How tall did this imposing structure grow to in just 8 years?

15. Was it possible to flood the Coliseum for naval battle?

16. What was the purpose of the Hypogeum?

**Trajan**

17. What are two improvements under Trajan’s building campaign?

18. What province did Trajan conquer in order to acquire the money needed for his expansive building campaign?

19. What story does the Trajan Forum’s centerpiece column tell?

**Hadrian**

20. Hadrian’s wall was 73 miles wide and \_\_\_\_\_\_ feet high.

21. Hadrian’s wall was as much of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ barrier as a physical barrier.

22. How many years did it take to build Hadrian’s wall?

23. What was Hadrian’s most famous structure?

24. What was at the heart of the structure’s design?

25. The pantheon’s dome would remain the largest unsupported concrete span in the world for \_\_\_\_\_ centuries.

26. What is the one mysterious flaw of the Pantheon?

**Caracalla**

27. How many people could Caracalla’s massive bath complex accommodate at any one time?

28. How many furnaces supported Caracalla’s bath complex?

29. What Roman structure was gutted by a devastating fire in 217 A.D.?