

**CHAPTER 7**

**Main Idea Activities 7.4  
Roman Society and Culture**

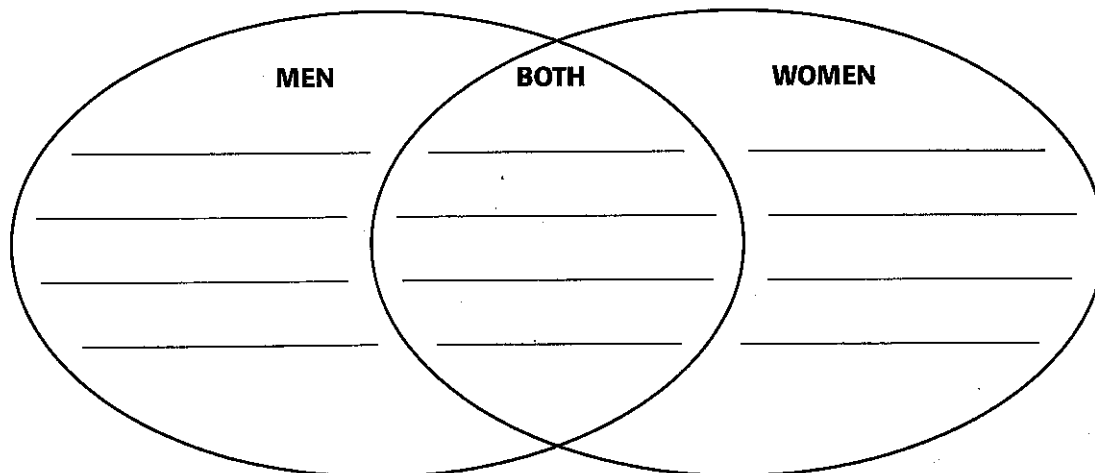
**VOCABULARY** Some terms to understand:

- **reinforcements (163):** extra troops
- **recreation (164):** activities a person does when on vacation or relaxing
- **dormice (164):** European animals like small squirrels
- **fungi (164):** growth on a tree, related to mushrooms
- **hearth (165):** the stone or brick floor of a fireplace
- **satires (165):** writings in which humor is used to make fun of something bad or foolish
- **mimes (165):** actors who perform without speaking

**ORGANIZING INFORMATION** Fill in the chart by placing each item under the correct category.

- taught their children at home
- managed the households
- helped entertain guests
- taught daughters to manage the household
- could accept inheritances
- could own property
- made all the important family decisions
- taught sons the duties of citizenship
- conducted religious ceremonies

**FAMILY ROLES IN ANCIENT ROME**



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**EVALUATING INFORMATION** Mark each statement *T* if it is true or *F* if it is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. To match the needs of the huge empire, the Romans changed the laws.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Well-constructed road systems promoted trade and made the army more efficient.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The army was not always successful in crushing rebels.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. All Romans, including the rich, ate simple meals of bread, cheese, and fruit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. If you had slaves in the Roman Empire, you lost respect.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Early Romans worshipped ancestral spirits.

**CLASSIFYING INFORMATION** These are among the most important legacies of the Roman Empire. In the space provided, mark the letter of the correct category.

- A. Law and Government
- B. Engineering
- C. Science
- D. Architecture
- E. Literature
- F. Languages
- G. Recreation

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. the Colosseum, the great arena in Rome
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. twenty-three letters of the alphabet
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. *Aeneid* by Virgil, *Metamorphoses* by Ovid, *Annals* by Tacitus
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Galen's summary of all medical knowledge
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. aqueducts or bridge-like structures that carried water
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. code of Twelve Tables
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. the Ptolemaic system
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. the use of concrete, arch, and vaulted dome
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. basic principles that should apply to all humans
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. *Parallel Lives*, Greek and Roman biographies by Plutarch
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Romanian
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. gladiators, chariot racing