

Chapter 9 – The Fall of Rome

Section 1 – Daily Life In Rome Notes

Roman Citizens	Social Classes
<p>Rome had too many people, a million or more lived within the city limits</p> <p>In the Republic, and early years of the Empire, only people who lived inside the city were counted as citizens</p> <p>Every 5 years men registered for the Census, this was the only way to claim citizenship in Rome</p> <p>Women, girls, slaves, and those who had been freed from slavery were not counted as citizens</p> <p>Eventually citizenship stretched beyond those who live in Rome, but this did not change the love people had about Rome</p>	<p>Society was made up of a small number of rich people, many poor people, and slaves</p> <p>Most of the jobless people survived by handouts from the government</p> <p>The rich had elegant homes inside and outside of the city called Villas</p> <p>The Rich often had feasts with entertainment</p> <p>The poor were entertained at circuses to keep them from rioting and were often fed grain at them</p> <p>Both rich and poor went to circuses to watch gladiators, usually slaves, fight to the death.</p>



Family Life	Slavery
<p>Most Romans valued family life</p> <p>The government supported families by offering land to fathers of three or more children</p> <p>The head of the Roman household was the <i>Paterfamilias</i> (Oldest father)</p> <p>The oldest male of the house owned everything inside of it including women, children, and slaves</p> <p>Women's freedom depended on her husband's wealth and status</p> <p>Some women fought as gladiators at the circuses</p>	<p>Slavery was common in Ancient Rome</p> <p>About one third of Italy's population were slaves by 50B.C.</p> <p>Household slaves usually had a trusting and friendly relationship with their owners</p> <p>Some slaves rose to high positions in the households of the wealthy</p> <p>Outdoor slaves led harsh usually short lives by sleeping in chains, mining for metals, and fighting in gladiator games</p> <p>Some Slaves could earn their freedom</p>