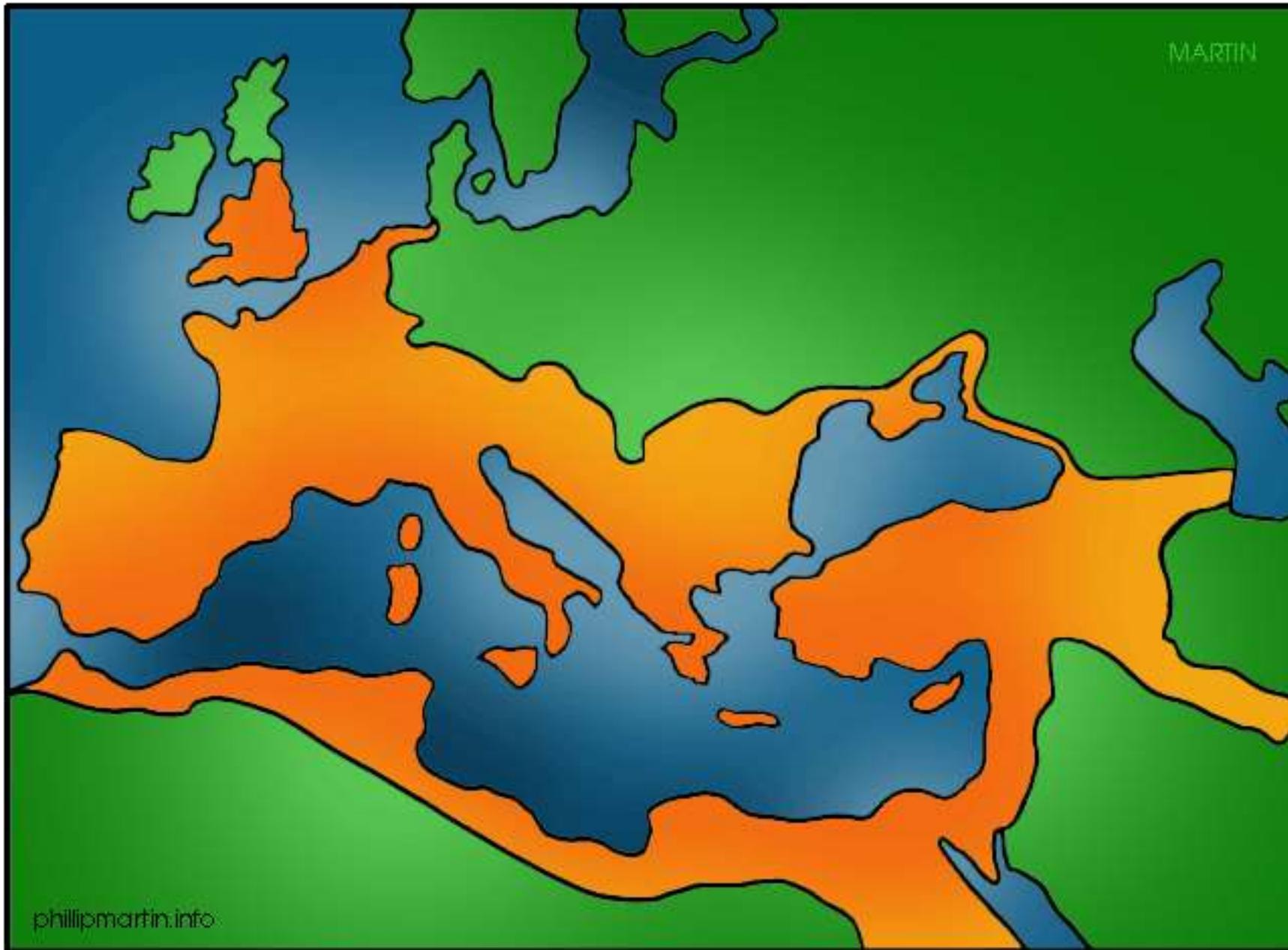


Roman Civilization





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The city of Rome is the capital of Italy today

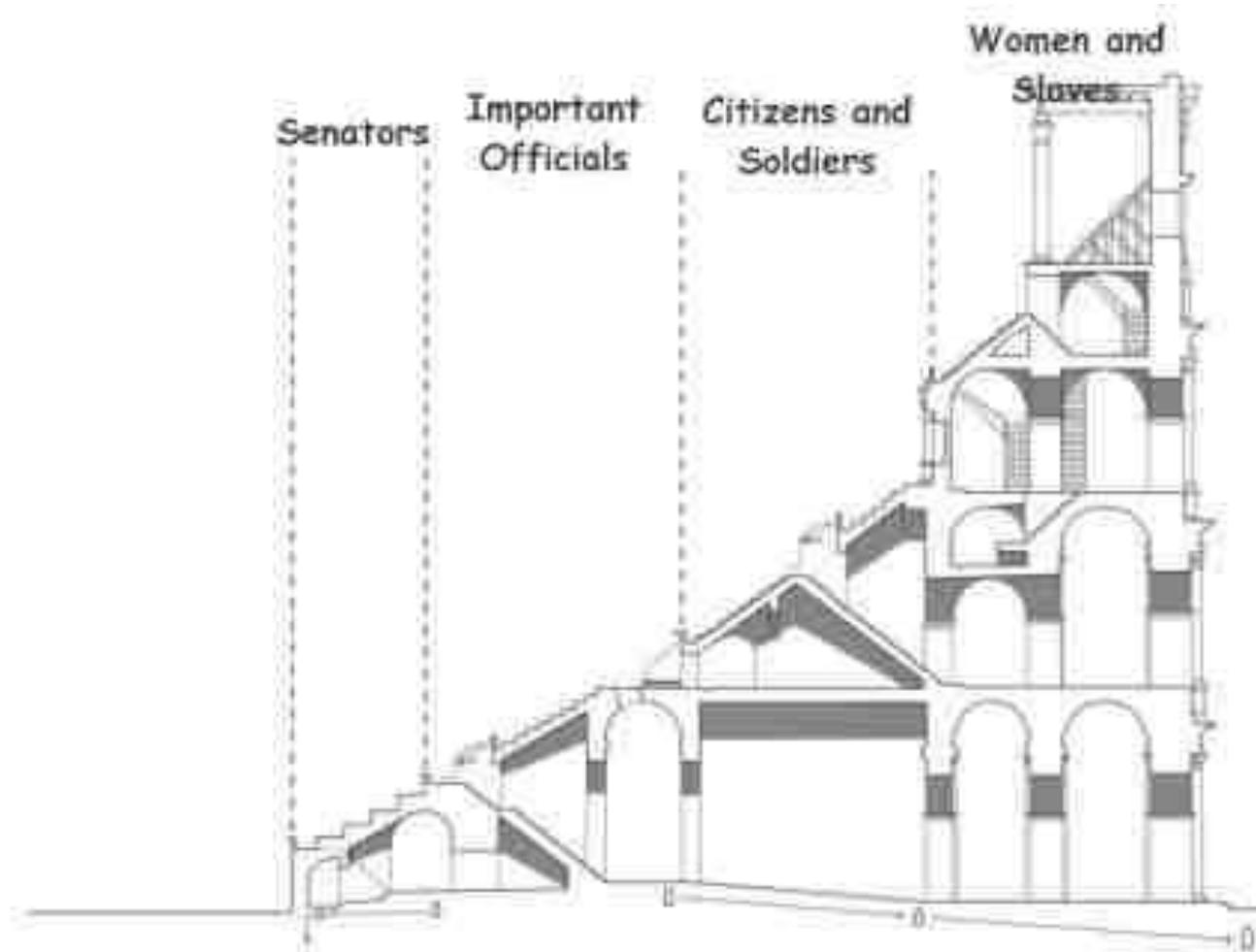


- Ancient Rome was a powerful and important civilization that ruled much of Europe for nearly 1000 years. The culture of Ancient Rome was spread throughout Europe during its rule. As a result, Rome's culture still has an impact in the Western world today. The basis for much of Western culture comes from Ancient Rome, especially in areas such as government, engineering, architecture, language, and literature.

The Colosseum is a giant amphitheater in the center of Rome, Italy. It was built during the Roman Empire.



Seating inside the Colosseum was according to social status



Interior of the Colosseum



Roman Baths

- Every Roman city had a public bath where people came to bathe and socialize. The public bath was something like a community center where people worked out, relaxed, and met with other people



An Ancient Roman Insula

- The vast majority of the people living in Roman cities lived in cramped apartment buildings called insulae. Insulae were generally three to five stories high and housed from 30 to 50 people. The individual apartments usually consisted of two small rooms.

The bottom floor of the insulae often housed shops and stores that opened out to the streets. The larger apartments were also near the bottom with the smallest at the top. Many insulae were not constructed very well. They could be dangerous places if they caught fire and sometimes even collapsed.

Ancient Roman Insula



Roman Aqueduct



Pantheon







Roman Painting

The history of Roman painting is essentially the history of wall paintings on plaster. Roman paintings was done on wood, ivory, and other materials, works that have survived are in the durable medium of fresco that was used for the interiors of private homes in Roman cities. And later we will discuss remaining style of paintings.







Augustus

