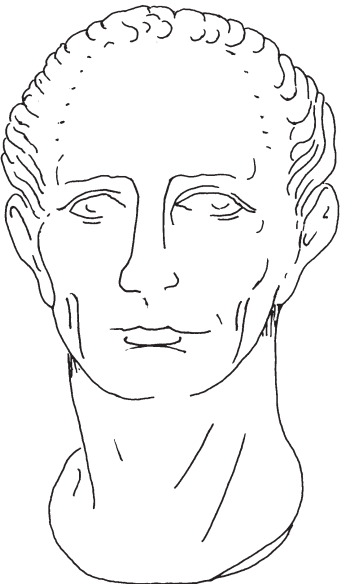


Roman Fortunes

One hundred adults were asked the following questions. Try to predict the results of the survey using your own knowledge of the Romans and any textbooks that might be available to you in class.

A Name a famous Roman		
1	.....(80%)
2	.....(7%)
3	.....(5%)
4	.....(4%)
5	.....(2%)
6	Constantine .....(1%)	
7	Claudius .....(1%)	

B Name a popular Roman sport or entertainment	
1	.....(49%)
2	.....(41%)
3	.....(7%)
4	.....(3%)

C Name a town or city of Roman Britain	
1	.....(75%)
2	.....(12%)
3	.....(9%)
4	.....(3%)
5	.....(1%)

The Emperors of the Julio-Claudian Dynasty

Source 1: Roman Emperors 27 BC to 68 AD

Augustus (Octavian)	27 BC - 14 AD	(Died of natural causes)
Tiberius	14 AD - 37 AD	(Poisoned by Caligula?)
Caligula (Gaius)	37 AD - 41 AD	(Murdered)
Claudius	41 AD - 54 AD	(Poisoned by his 4th wife, Agrippina, Nero's mother)
Nero (Lucius Domitius)	54 AD - 68 AD	(Suicide)

Source 2: Augustus Caesar – The views of modern historians

“He completed the conquest of those areas not already controlled by Rome within frontiers set by the Rivers Rhine and Danube in Europe, by the Sahara Desert in north Africa and by the Caucasus Mountains in Asia. He reorganised the army as a permanent body of 28 legions..., provided a proper career structure regular pay and a guaranteed retirement pension.”

John Fairclough, Suffolk Museums' Education Officer

“Augustus made peace and security possible.”

Peckett and Loehry, *The Ancient World*, 1974

“Augustus put to death Caesarion, the son of Cleopatra and Julius Caesar, as well as Mark Antony's son by his own sister Fulvia.”

Edward Ashcroft in *The Roman Empire* by Carole Brown, 1991

“He provided an example of plain, sober living.”

Peckett and Loehry, *The Ancient World*, 1974

Source 3: A statue of Augustus



Source 4

According to the Roman writer, Suetonius, who was born in 70 AD, Augustus boasted that he found Rome built of sun-dried bricks and left her covered in marble. He built a new forum and carried out repairs to other important public buildings, including temples and theatres. He also organised lavish entertainments for the citizens of Rome, such as mock sea battles.

Source 5: A modern historian's view of Caligula and Claudius

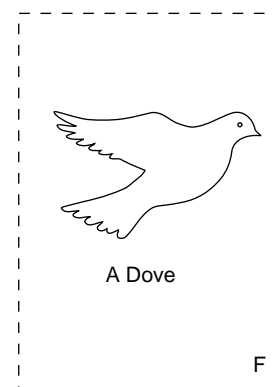
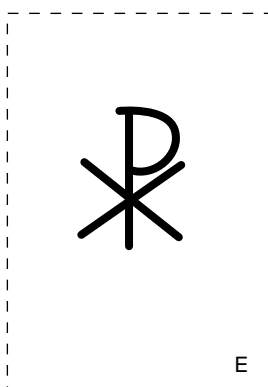
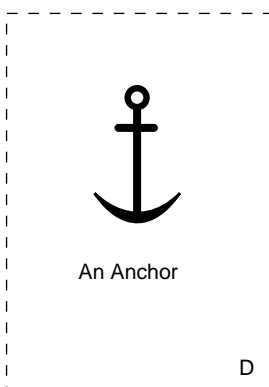
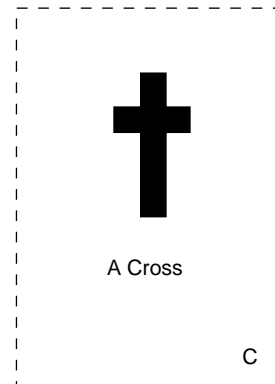
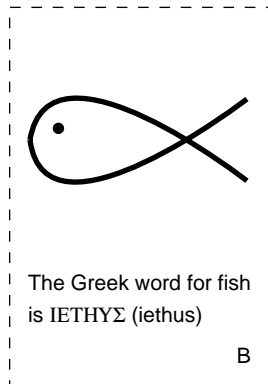
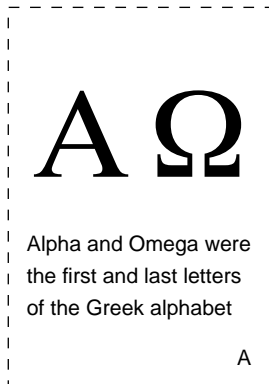
“Claudius...had the misfortune to be the uncle of the mad and cruel Emperor Caligula. Caligula often had him thrown into the River Tiber at night just for fun. Claudius was a survivor, though, and when Caligula was murdered, the soldiers proclaimed him emperor. He was a learned man noted for his great histories... . He is probably best know for his invasion of Britain in 43 AD but he increased the Roman Empire by adding the provinces of Mauretania and Thracia as well.”

Mike Corbishley, *The Roman World*, 1986

Christian Secret Signs and Symbols

You have discovered why the Romans were so against the Christians. However, to make matters worse the Emperor Nero used their unpopularity and blamed them for the fire that destroyed much of Rome in 64 AD. He needed a scapegoat to stop the rumours circulating the city that suggested he had ordered the fire to be started. Nero stirred up even more hatred and began to punish them with the worst tortures that he could think up. The Roman writer, Tacitus, tells how the Christian captives were humiliated before being killed. Some were covered in animal skins and torn to pieces by dogs, while others were crucified and set alight in the evening. This marked the start of a period in which Christians were persecuted for their beliefs.

What would you have done if you were a Christian living in Rome at the time of the persecution? Perhaps you would have given up being a Christian and offered sacrifices to the Roman gods to prove this fact. You might have decided to flee from Rome or you may have continued to worship God quite openly. Many chose to carry on worshipping God, but to practise their religion in secret. In order that they could communicate with other Christians safely a number of secret signs and symbols were developed. Some of these symbols, which are still used today by Christians, are shown below. You are to cut these out and match them to the explanations given on the next page.



The Meaning behind the Secret Signs and Symbols

**A Christian
Belief...**

There is one God who is the creator of all things. He was there at the beginning of time and will be there at the end.

1

**A Christian
Belief...**

If you follow the teachings of Jesus Christ faithfully you will be held safe and secure no matter how stormy and difficult life becomes.

2

**Christians
believe in...**

God's Holy Spirit that is sent from Heaven to bring peace, strength and hope to those who believe in him.

3

**Christians
believe that...**

Jesus was put to death on the cross. They remember that he was crucified and three days later he rose to life.

4

**Christians
believe that...**

Jesus Christ was the Son of God. The Greek word for Christ is ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ

5

**A Christian
secret password
was...**

Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour. Written in Greek it is Ιησομζ κριστοζ θεοζ νιοζ σωτηρ. (Clue: Write down the first letters of each Greek word.)

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