

What did they look like?

Early Romans came from a tribe called the Latins. Latins had olive skin and dark hair. When their empire spread across Europe, other people began to settle in Rome. As time went on, the Romans included people with lots of different looks.

This wall-painting shows us what one wealthy young Roman woman looked like.



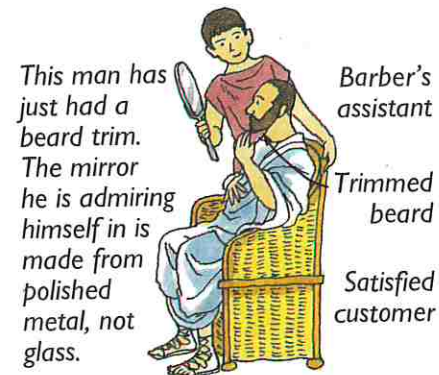
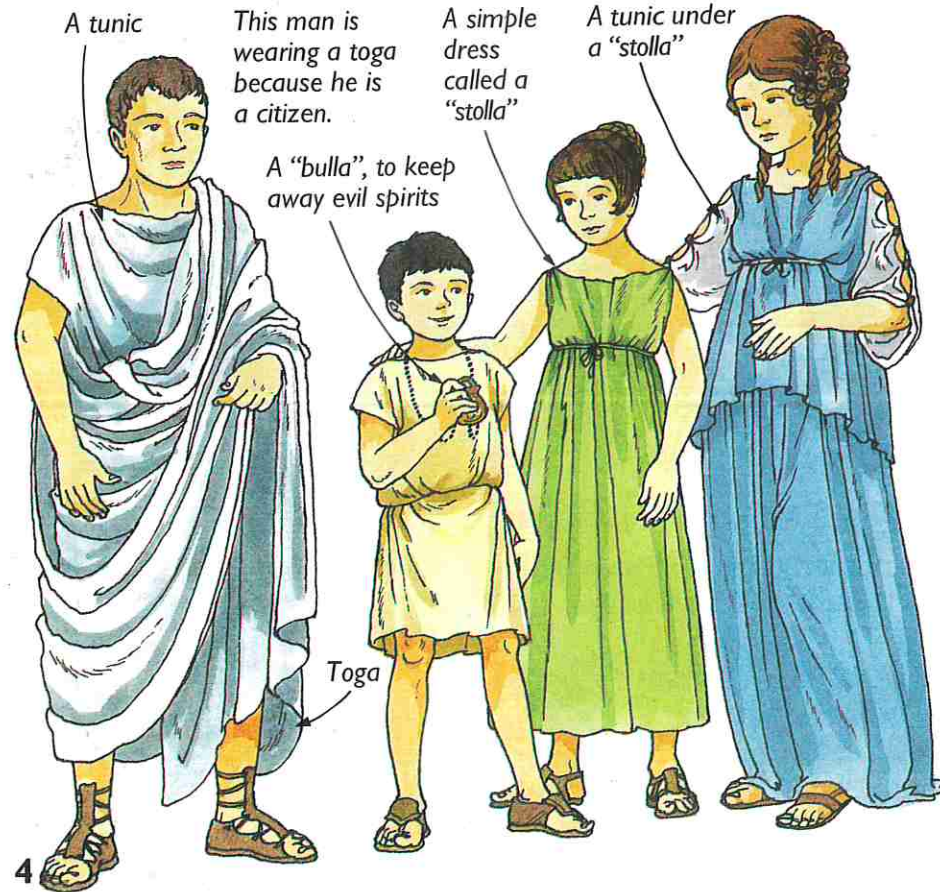
Did they have different hairstyles?

Yes and, like today, fashions changed. Over the centuries, women's hairstyles became more and more spectacular.

What clothes did they wear?

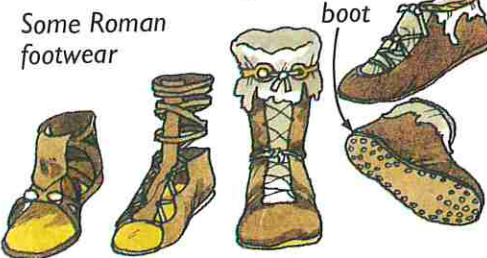
Most Roman men wore tunics. If they were citizens, they could wear white robes, called togas, over them. Rich women also

wore tunics, but wore bright dresses, instead of togas, on top. The Romans used to dye their clothes with different vegetable dyes.



Did they have shoes?

Yes, lots of different kinds. Women wore elegant sandals, but a soldier's boots were studded with nails. That way he didn't wear them out with all that marching.



Did they wear make-up?

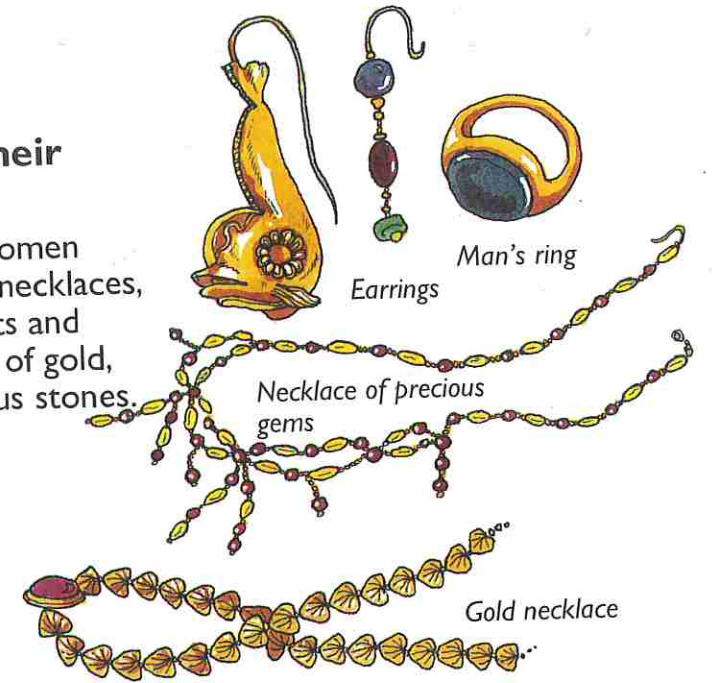
The women did. It was supposed to be beautiful to look very pale. This was probably to show that you were rich enough not to have to work outdoors.

Eyelids made darker using ash
Lips made redder with red wine
Face made paler with chalk powder



What were their jewels like?

Fantastic! Rich women wore wonderful necklaces, earrings, bracelets and headbands made of gold, ivory and precious stones.



Did they wear perfume?

Yes. Romans had many more baths and were a lot cleaner than people in other ancient civilizations. Both men and women loved wearing expensive perfume.

Did you know?

"A Roman nose" is still used to describe a particular type of nose that lots of Ancient Romans had.

A Roman

A Roman nose



How do you put on a toga?

Slowly! By studying statues and paintings, we think we know how it was done. You can make your own toga by carefully cutting up an old sheet. It won't be quite as big as the real thing.

Drape the left-hand end of the toga over your left shoulder.

Hold the other end in your right hand and bring it up under your arm.

Now throw the right end over your left shoulder.

Finally tuck the middle of your toga into your belt.

