Life in the Pax Romana

27 B.C. - 180 A.D.
Pax Romana Timeline

- **753 BC**
  - Romulus and Remus “found” Rome

- **509 BC**
  - Birth of the Roman Republic

- **265 BC**
  - Rome rules Italy south of Po River

- **215–168 BC**
  - Three Punic Wars vs. Carthage

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- **149–45 BC**
  - Caesar’s conquest of Gaul

- **49–45 BC**
  - Roman Civil War

- **27 BC**
  - Augustus (Octavian) rules as first Emperor

- **~33 AD**
  - Jesus of Nazareth crucified

- **~35–67 AD**
  - Paul of Tarsus spreads Christianity

- **284–305 AD**
  - Reign of Diocletian

- **27 BC – 180 AD**
  - Pax Romana

- **306–337 AD**
  - Reign of Constantine

- **410 AD**
  - Visigoths sack Rome

- **442 AD**
  - Vandals invade Rome

- **476 AD**
  - Fall of Western Roman Empire
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200 years of peace follow= Pax Romana
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- Public baths and sewage systems improved health
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ROMANCE LANGUAGES MAP

French

Galician
Portuguese

Basque

Spanish

Occitan
Catalan

Rhaeto-
Romance

Italian

Sardinian

Rumanian
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- Gladiator battles celebrated military life and enforced punishments
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Trade expanded due to roads and sea routes
Where do we see these achievements today?