

CIVILIZATIONS

Norse vs Roman

In ancient times, there were some early civilizations. Many of them were vastly different. We will be focusing on the Norse and Roman civilizations, in a few important aspects.

Norse

Roman

Architecture

Viking architecture wasn't very advanced, compared to the romans. They built longhouses, single story houses with wooden frames. They also built most houses in holes, so they could save resources, because they were scarce.



Roman architecture was highly advanced for it's time. They used arches to build multi-level buildings. Most common people lived in apartment buildings. The richer people lived in villas, which had mosaic floors. Arches, pillars, and domes in their buildings. Some buildings from ancient Rome still stand today. Their architecture was quite complex and well built for the time.

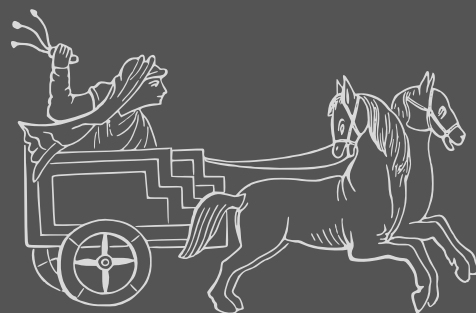


Transportation

The vikings terrain was mountainous. This meant travelling across the land was difficult. There were many fjords and rivers, which made travel by water more practical. The vikings mainly used longships for transport. The longships had two bows, so they could change directions quickly, without needing to turn the boat around.



The romans mainly used carts and chariots carried by horses for transportation. They also walked. They built paved stone roads and bridges to make this type of travel easier. The romans had ships, but they were mainly used for trade, and war.



Religion

The old Norse religion was called Norse Paganism. They believed in Valhalla, their afterlife. They thought that warriors would go there after death. Norse Paganism was polytheistic, meaning they had multiple gods.

Some gods were
Odin, the king of the gods.
Thor, the God of thunder.
Loki, the god of mischeif



The Roman religion was also polytheistic, much like the Vikings. Their religion was called Religio Romana. They based most of their gods off the greek gods. They based their other minor gods off myths from other cultures. To worship their gods, they built temples and sacrificed animals. They later converted to Christianity in 313 C.E.

Some gods were:
-Jupiter, the king of the gods.
-Mars, the god of war.
-Minerva the goddess of knowlege.



Food

In southern Denmark, there was lots of fertile land, In tue countries to the north it was nearly impossible to grow crops due to permafrost. In the winter, the vikings must prepare. They made fermented drinks, and would preserve meat by dehydrating it, smoking it, or putting it in brine/salt



Romans would store their food in barrels, amphorae, and clay pots. They would also use grain silos and warehouses.

On hot days, they would put food and drinks in snow to make it cold. Some things romans ate were meat, fish, vegetables, eggs, cheese, and also bread.



Art

Vikings would always tend to carve, for example they would carve rocks and along the outside of the long boats that they built. The Vikings would place their rocks in shapes and form circles. On one of the longboats they made, they carved what looked to be a dragon design on the outer edge.



Romans would paint their houses and carve statues and monuments out of stone. Some buildings had many carvings along the outer walls which would show how the romans fought their enemies. An example of one of these buildings is called the Trajan's Column.

