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Goat fat and wood ashes were popular hair dye ingredients.

Only the best Roman houses had glass windows, but the glass was much thicker and greener than glass today.

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As well as public toilets there were jars on street corners for men to wee in. The wee was collected for washing clothes ... yuck!

Roman schools took place anywhere ... even in the street!

THE ROMAN EMPIRE

Some Roman children hitched tiny carts to pet mice!

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