

Activity 6: Roman Cities

The Romans founded many cities, for what followed a common pattern. The city was organized around the **forum**, square, an open space, surrounded by markets and buildings, and it was where meetings, business, trade ... were made. The streets were plotting a grid, and generally the city was protected by strong walls around her. They also built many buildings in the cities, we can classify them:

-Religious places:

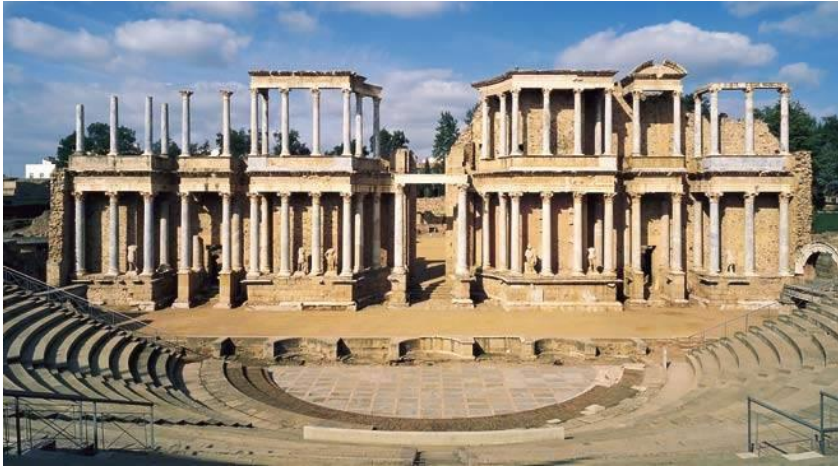
Temple: closed on a pedestal with a portico of columns at the entrance and stairs in the front building. It is usually placed on one side of the forum. The show was host status of a god or goddess.



Buildings Entertainment:

- Theatre: plays classics were represented. Semi-circular structure, small stage behind which was a decorated wall, and a semi-

circular orchestra between the stage and the bleachers where the audience stood.



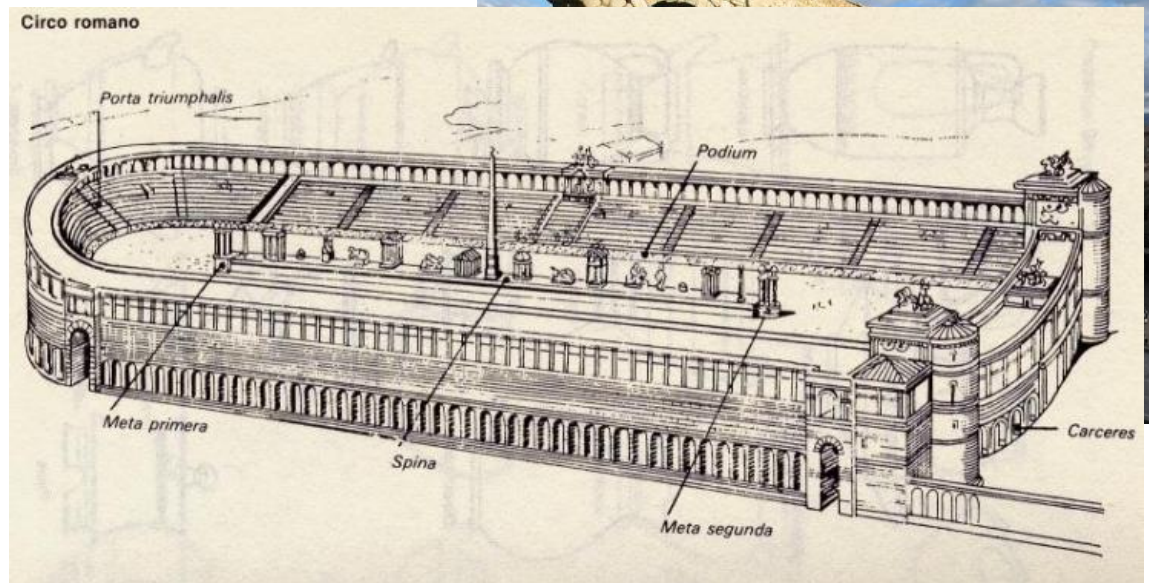
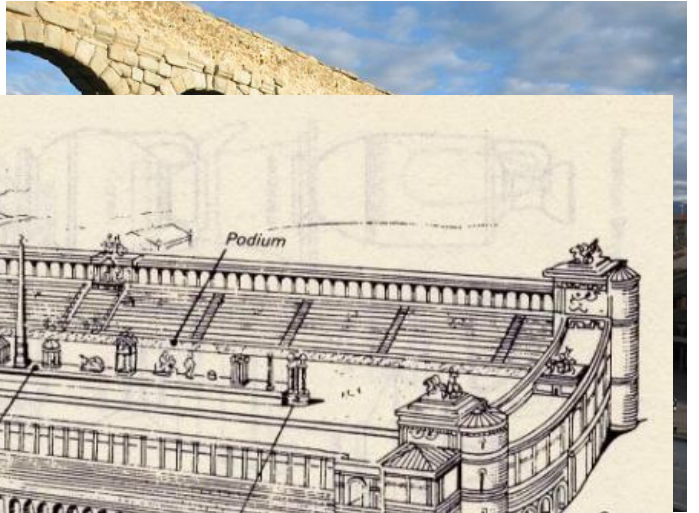
- Amphitheatre: games, gladiator fight, hunting wild animals, horse racing, clashes between boats ... elliptical floor is accessed by several doors. The show was on the sand which was surrounded by a semicircle.



- **Circus:** it racing horse-drawn carriages were made. Rectangular with semi-circular ends and in the middle an elongated shaft at the ends of the targets were placed.

- **Thermal baths:** dedicated to hygiene. A kind of public baths with different pools of hot, cold and warm water.

Aqueduct: through aqueducts, cities had water. These large channels acted as our current pipeline, for transporting water from rivers and streams to



public sources.

-Roman bridge: that serve as passagerways to cross rivers or mountain accidents.



-Arch of Triumph: great monument shaped door. It was built to celebrate the victory in wars.