

Something about the Roman Empire

Studying history



In order to analyze history experts use two kind of sources:

- Primary source: a document or physical object which was written or created during the time under study.
- Secondary source: something that interprets and analyzes primary sources. These sources are one or more steps removed from the event.



Augustus
(Octavian), the first
Roman Emperor of
the Principate Era



Julio-Claudian dynasty

Chronology

- Augustus 27 BC – 14 AD
- Tiberius 14–37 AD
- Caligula 37–41 AD
- Claudius 41–54 AD
- Nero 54–68 AD

The Roman Empire in 117 AD

- Senatorial provinces
- Imperial provinces
- Client states



Roman trade



Viae

The Roads of Rome



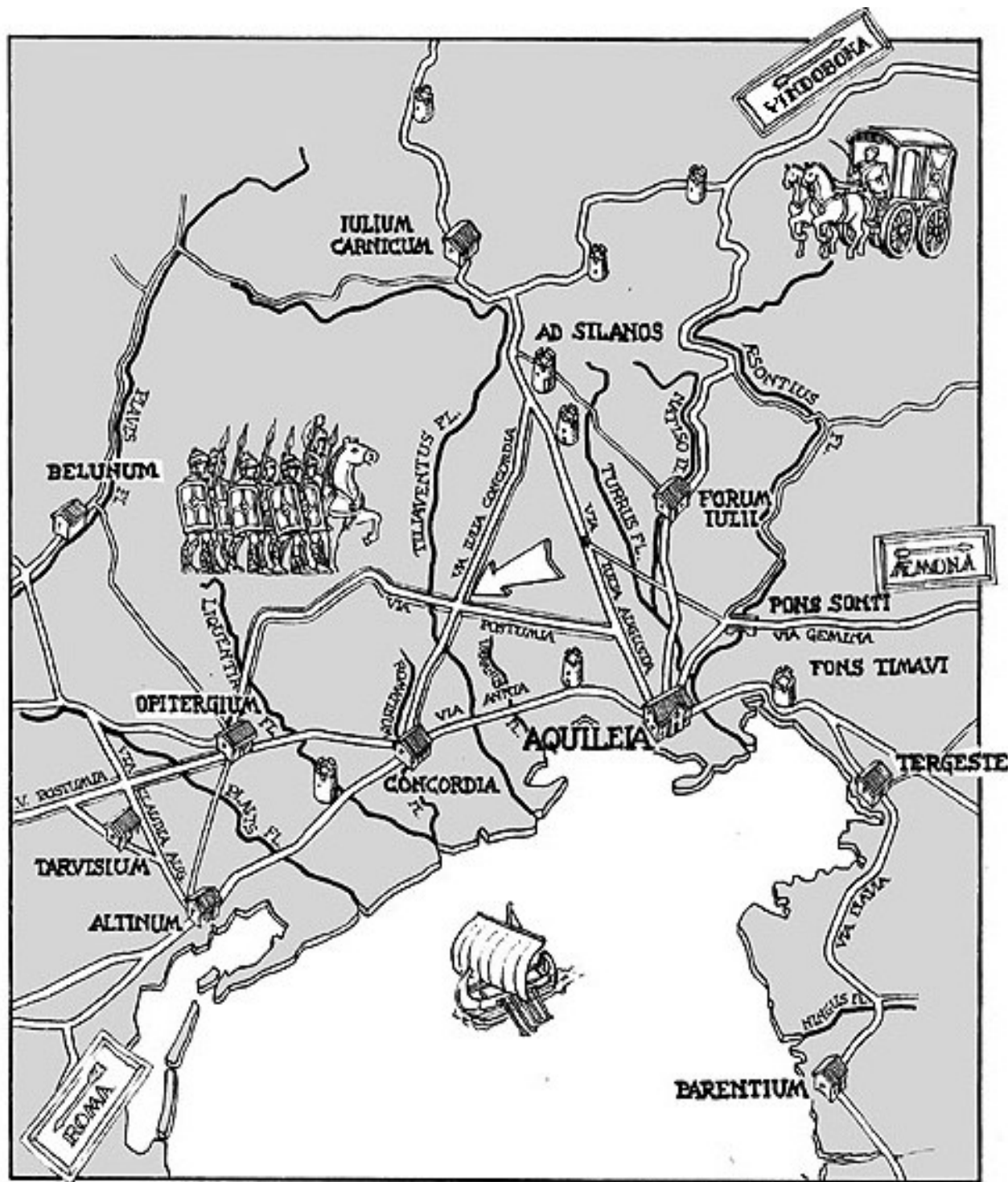
Demographic situation of the empire in the 2nd century a. C.



Roman World
urbanization in 2nd Cent. CE

Roman roads and towns in Spain and Portugal





Roman
roads in the
area of the
actual
Veneto -
Friuli

The borders (Hadrian's Wall)



Hadrian's Wall



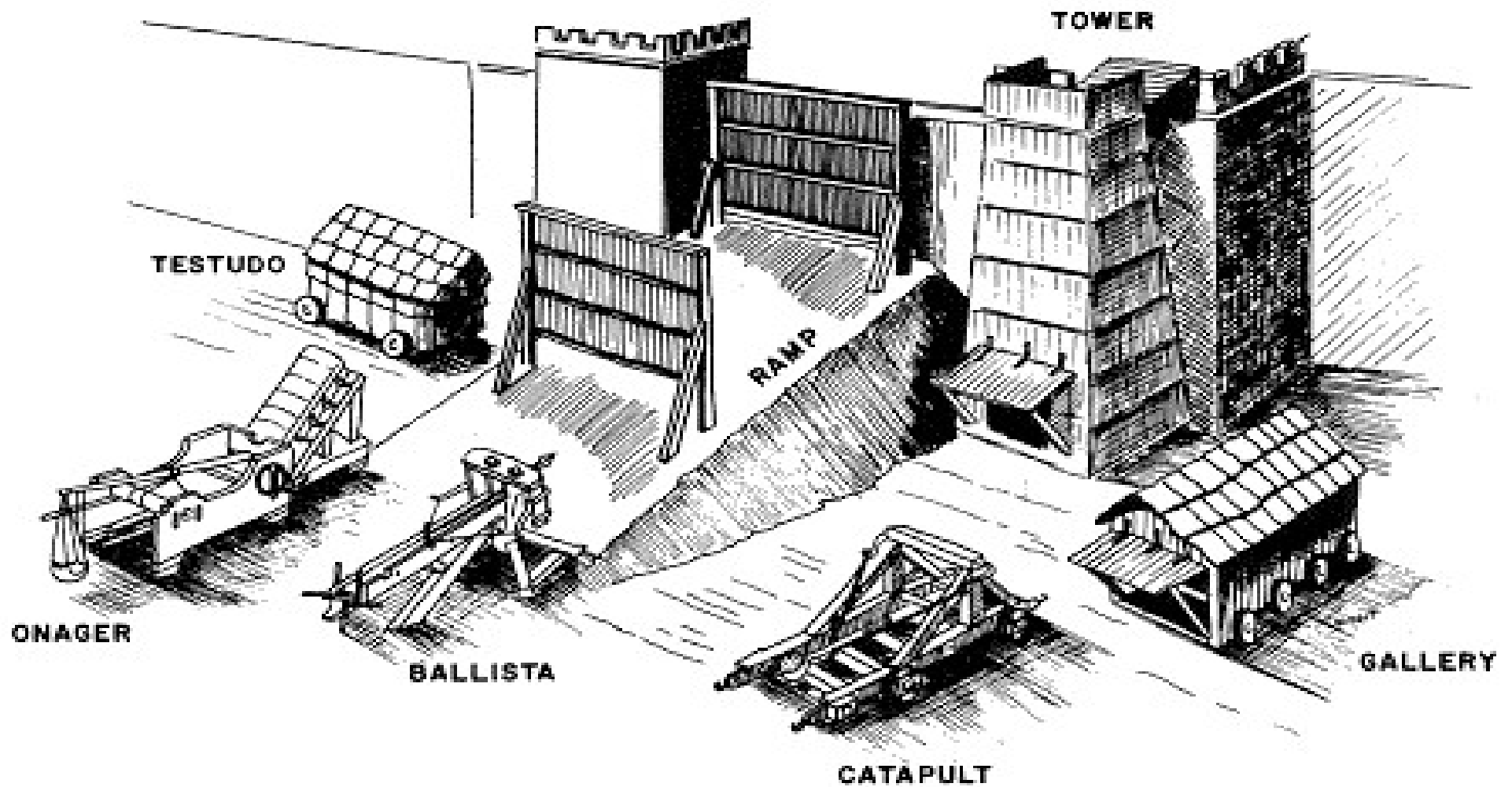


Trajan's
Column

Trajan's Column images







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The Ballista



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Testudo



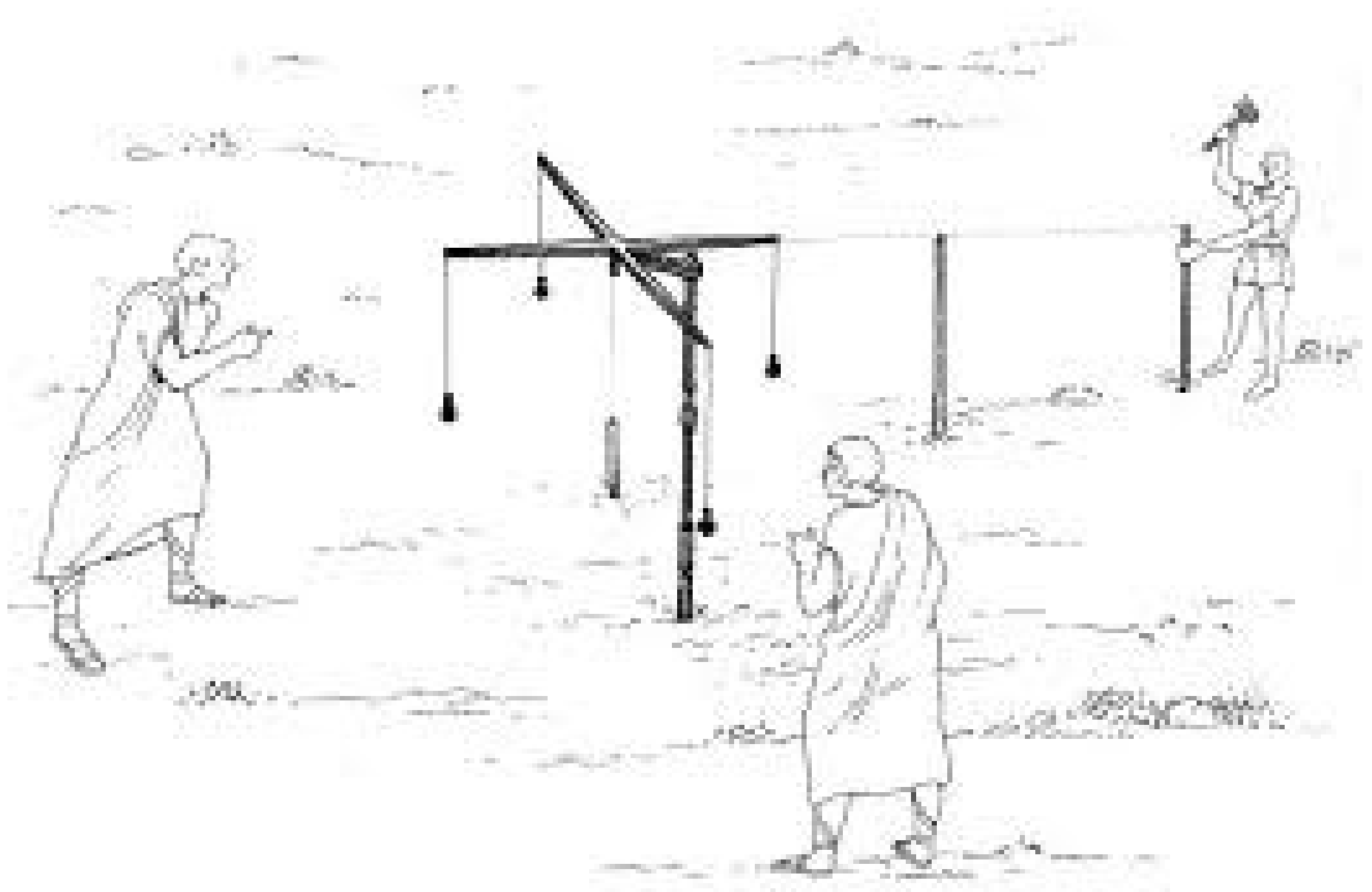
Gladius (4th century BC– 3rd century AD)



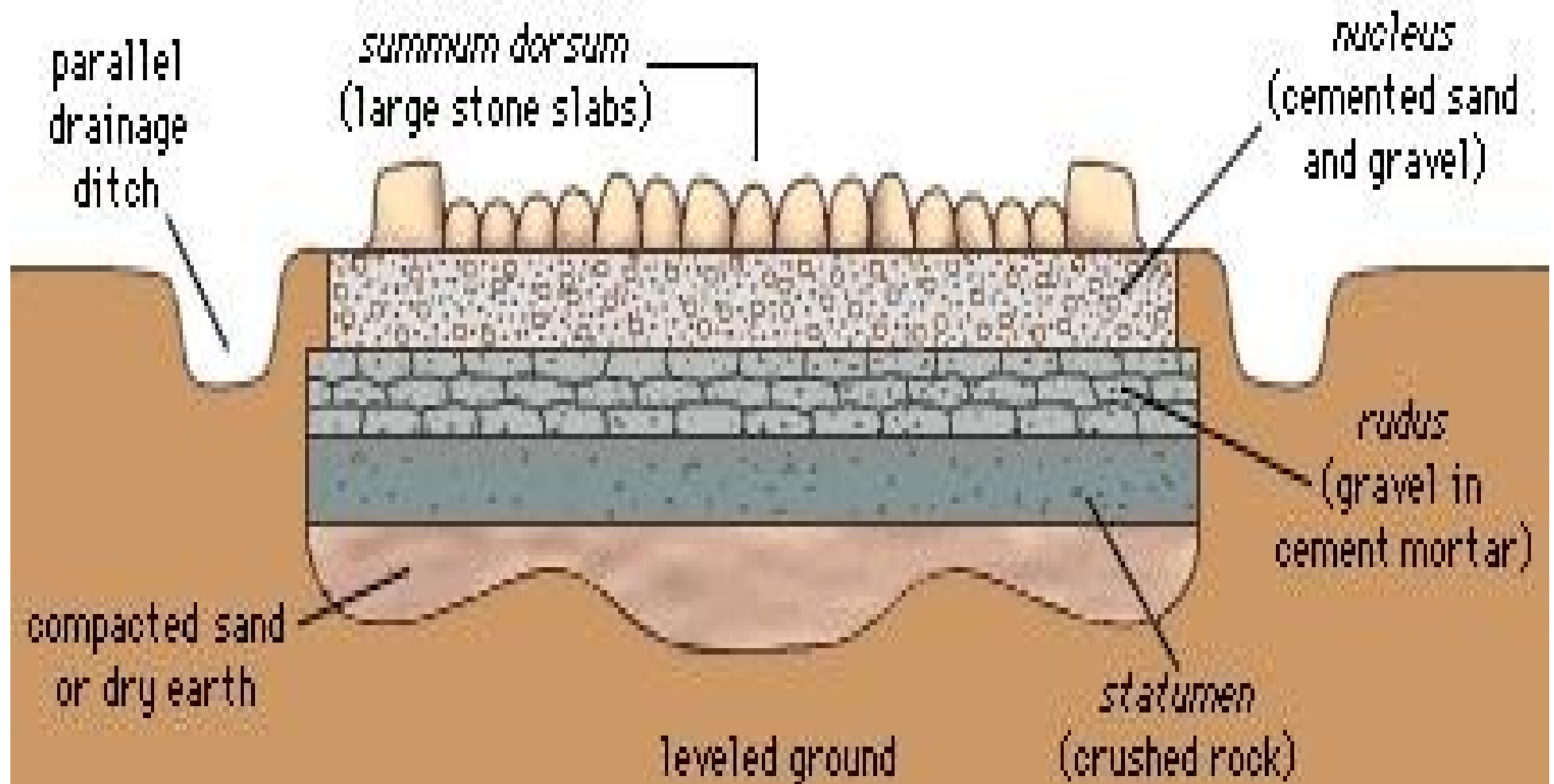
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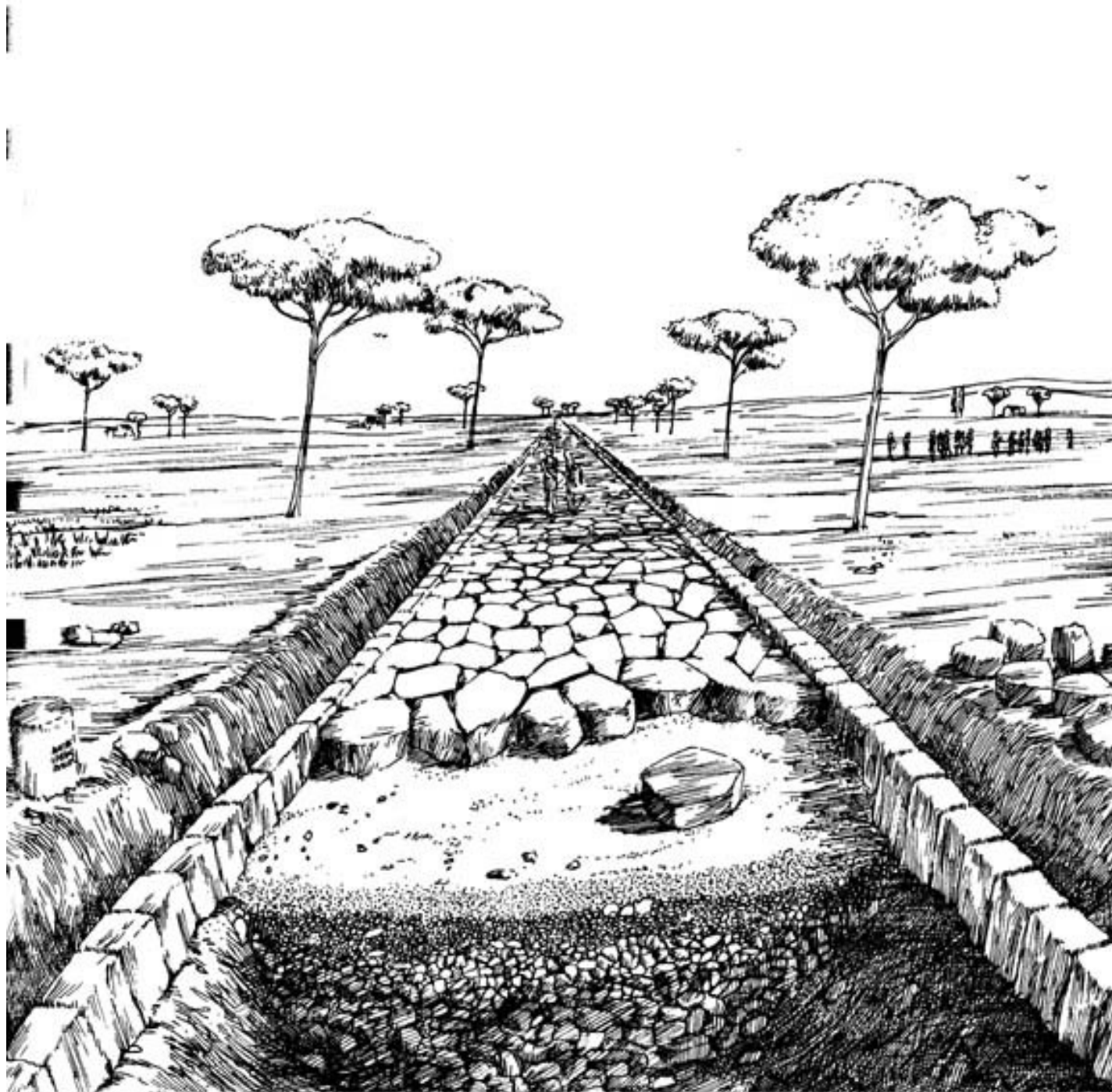
- Groma
- Broad trench was dug and filled in with sand and boulders to form a solid foundation
- Next with a layer of gravel compacting with clay and mortar
- A layer of thick paving stones

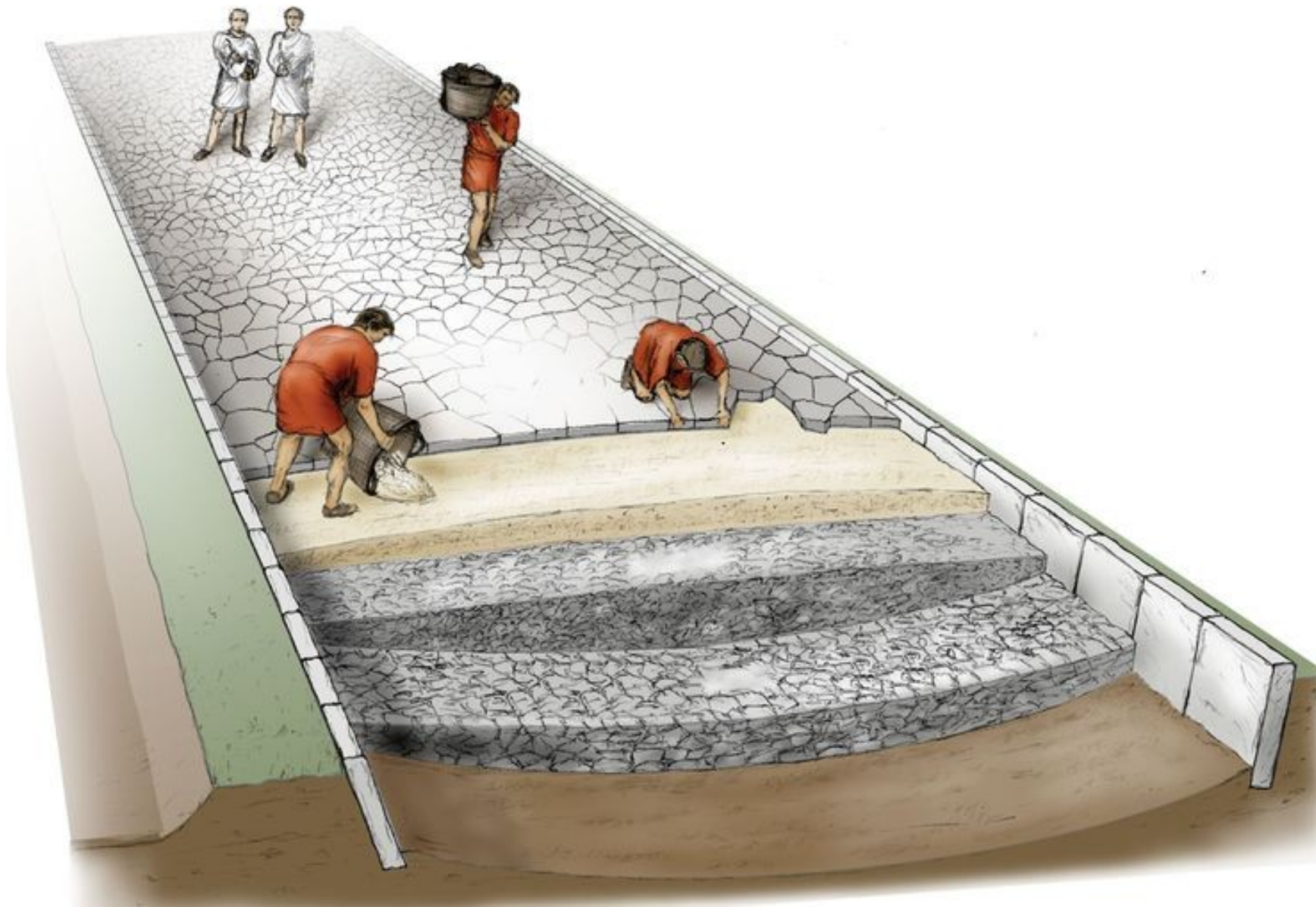
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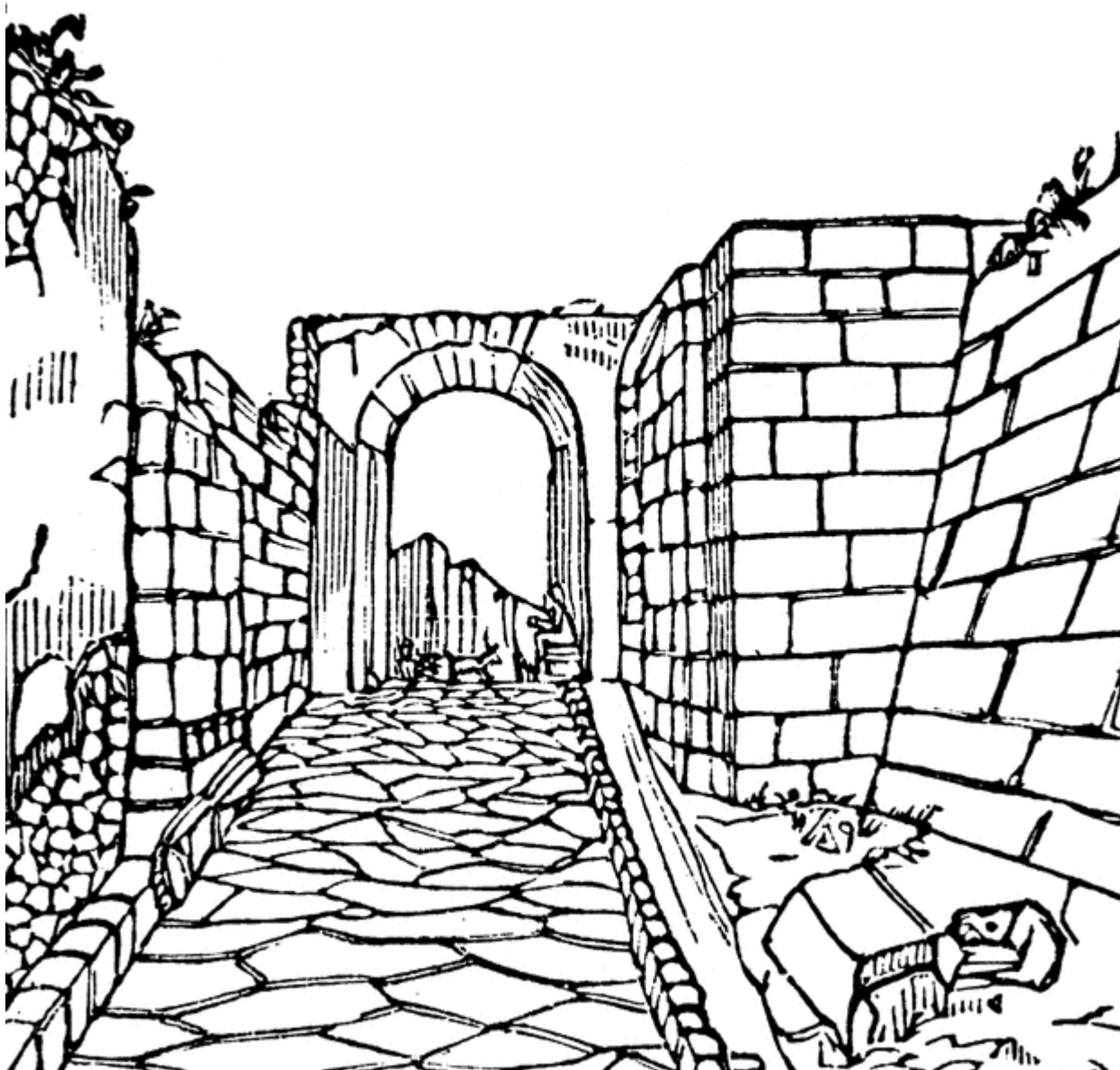
Roman roads





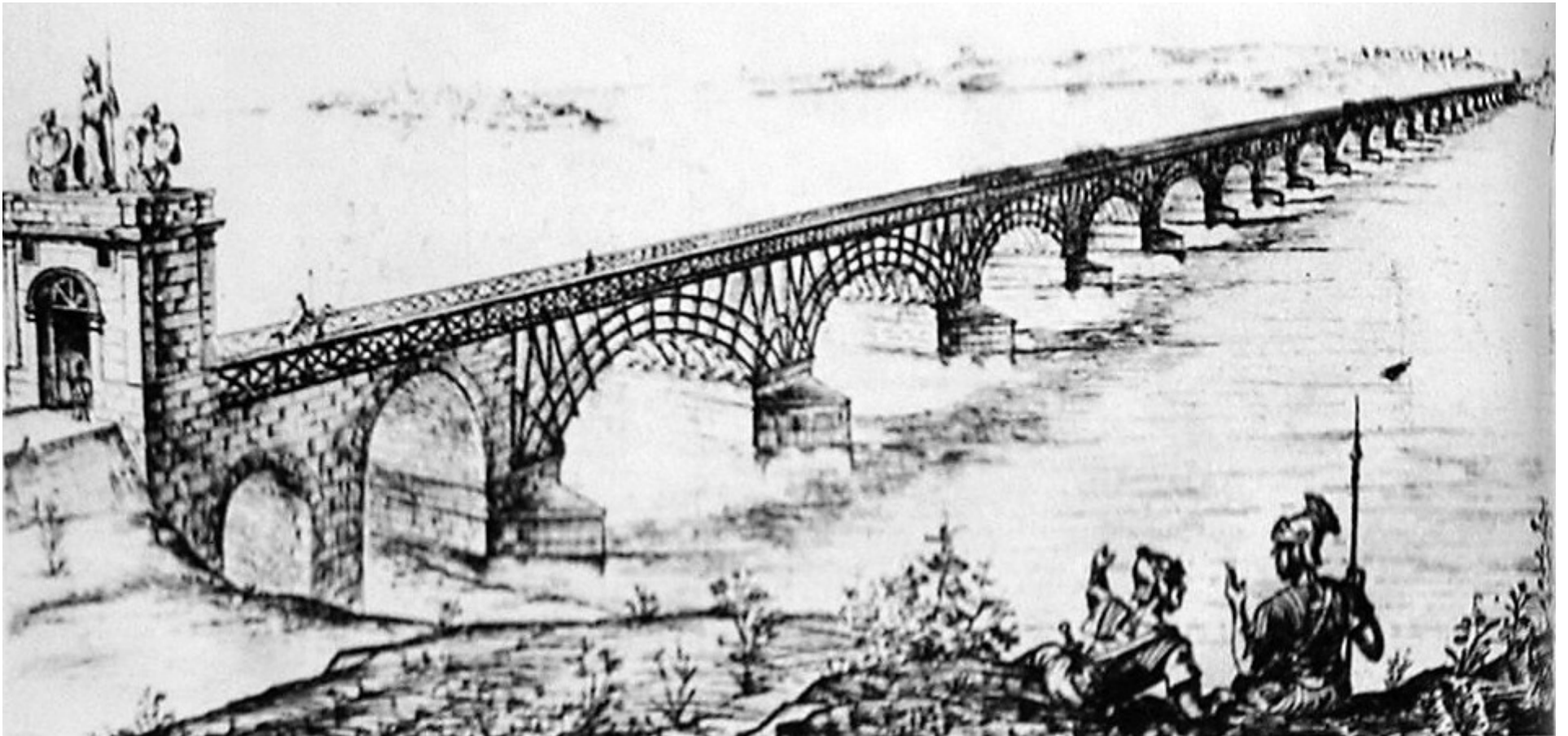


Roman towns

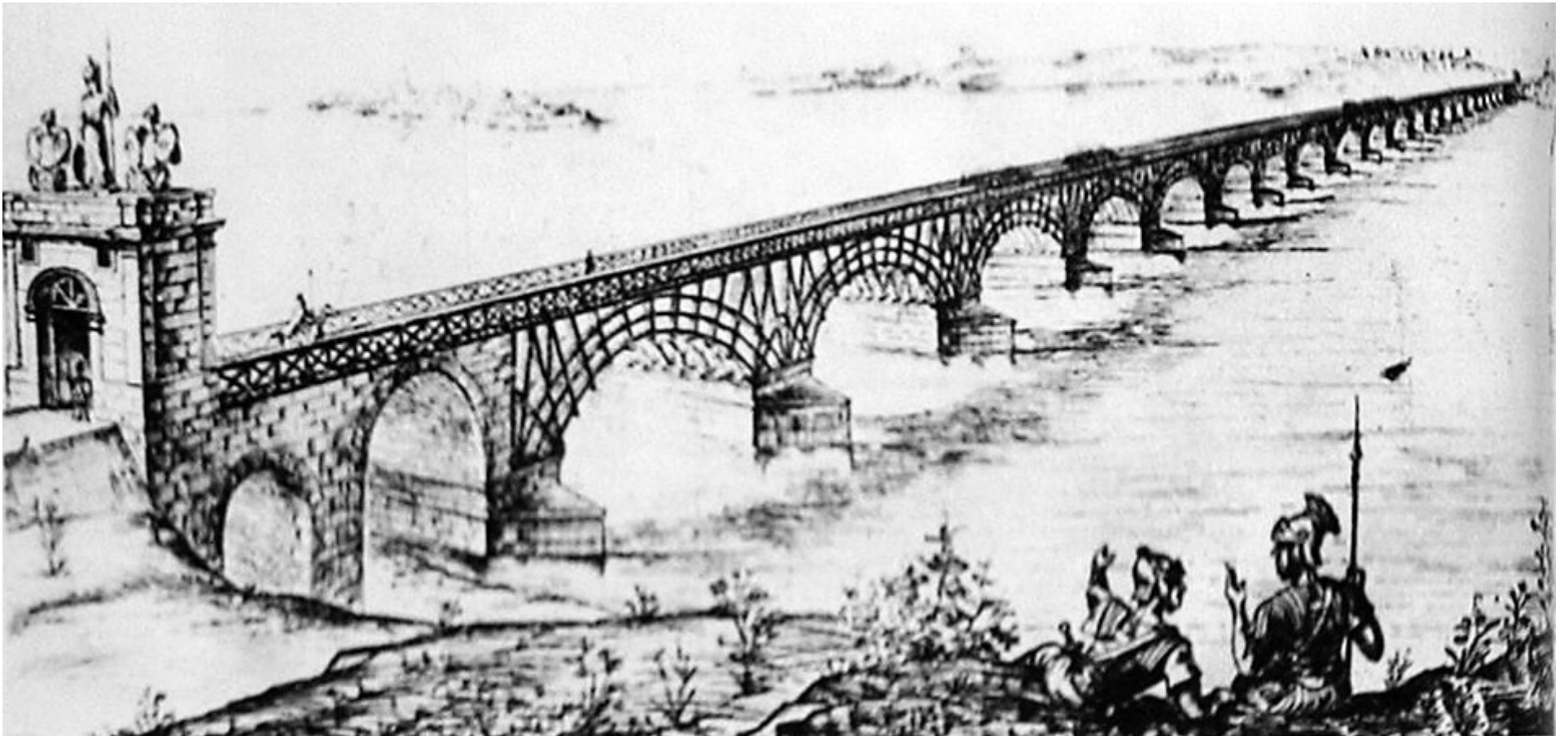




Roman bridges

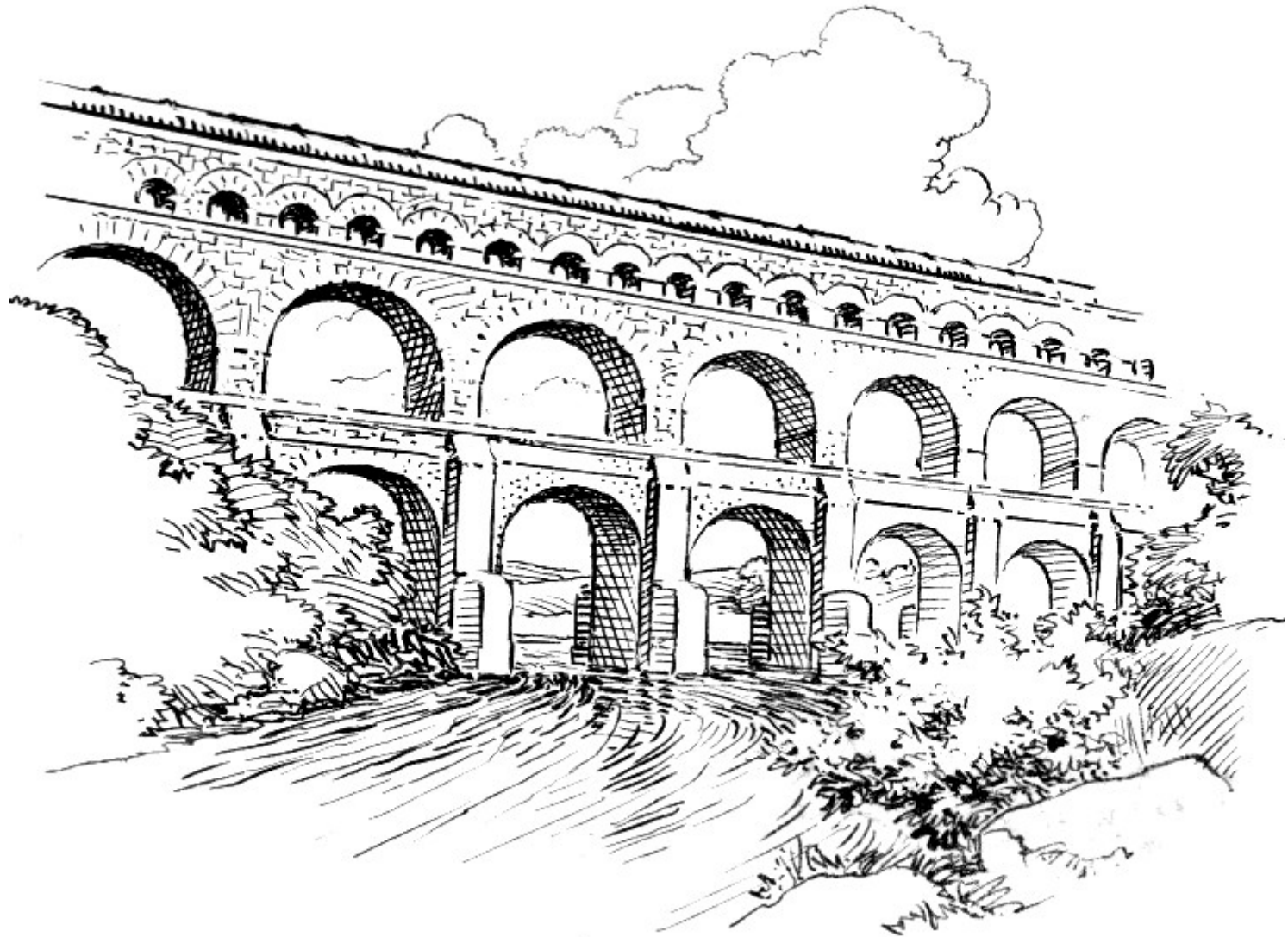


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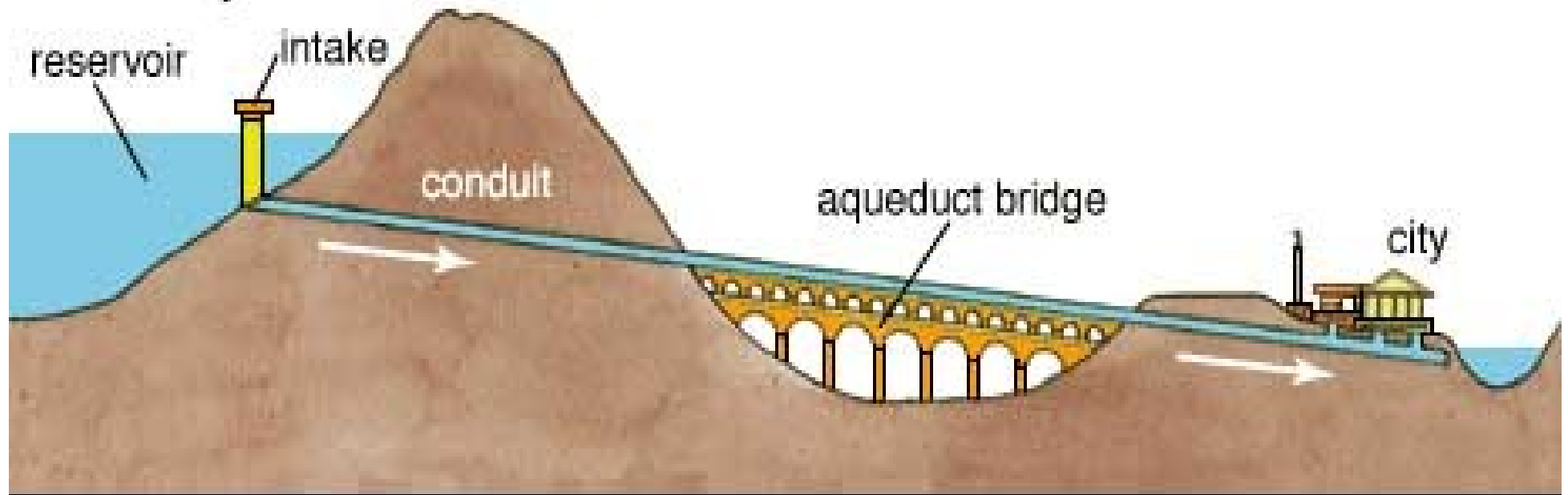




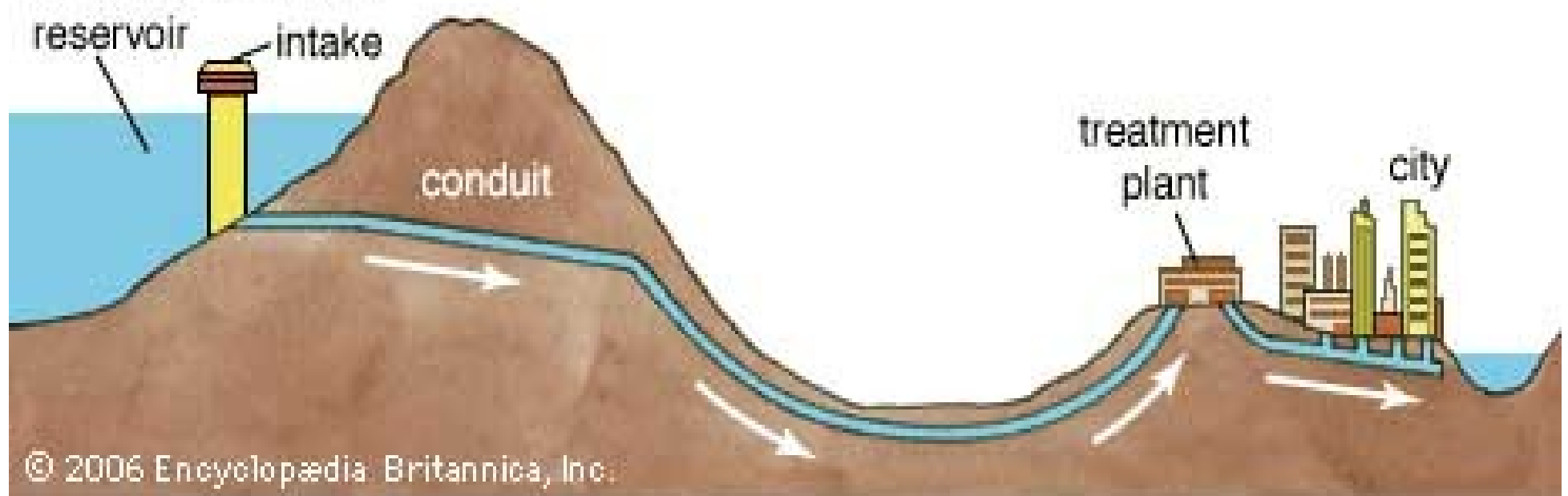
Roman aqueducts



Roman Aqueduct

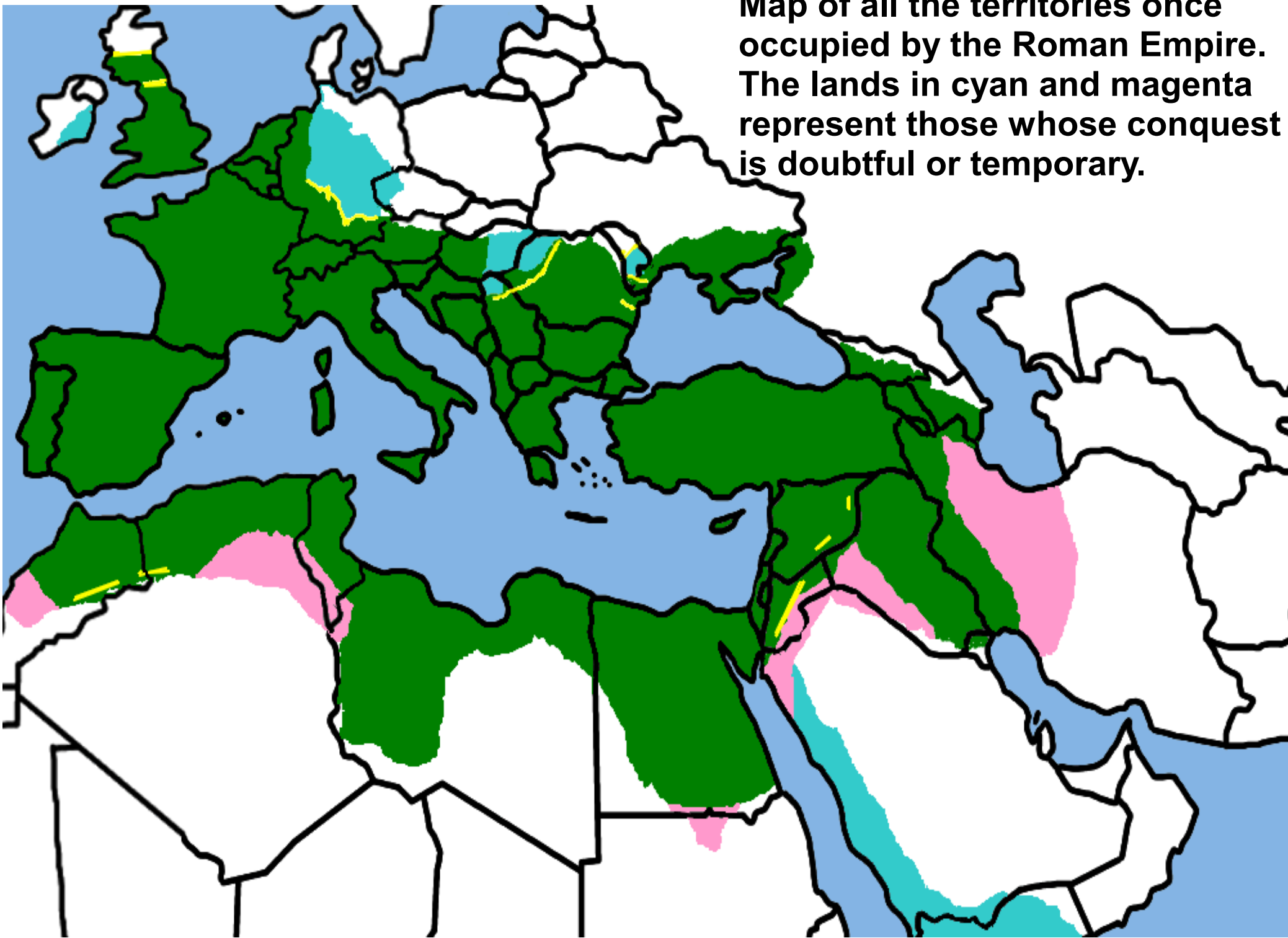


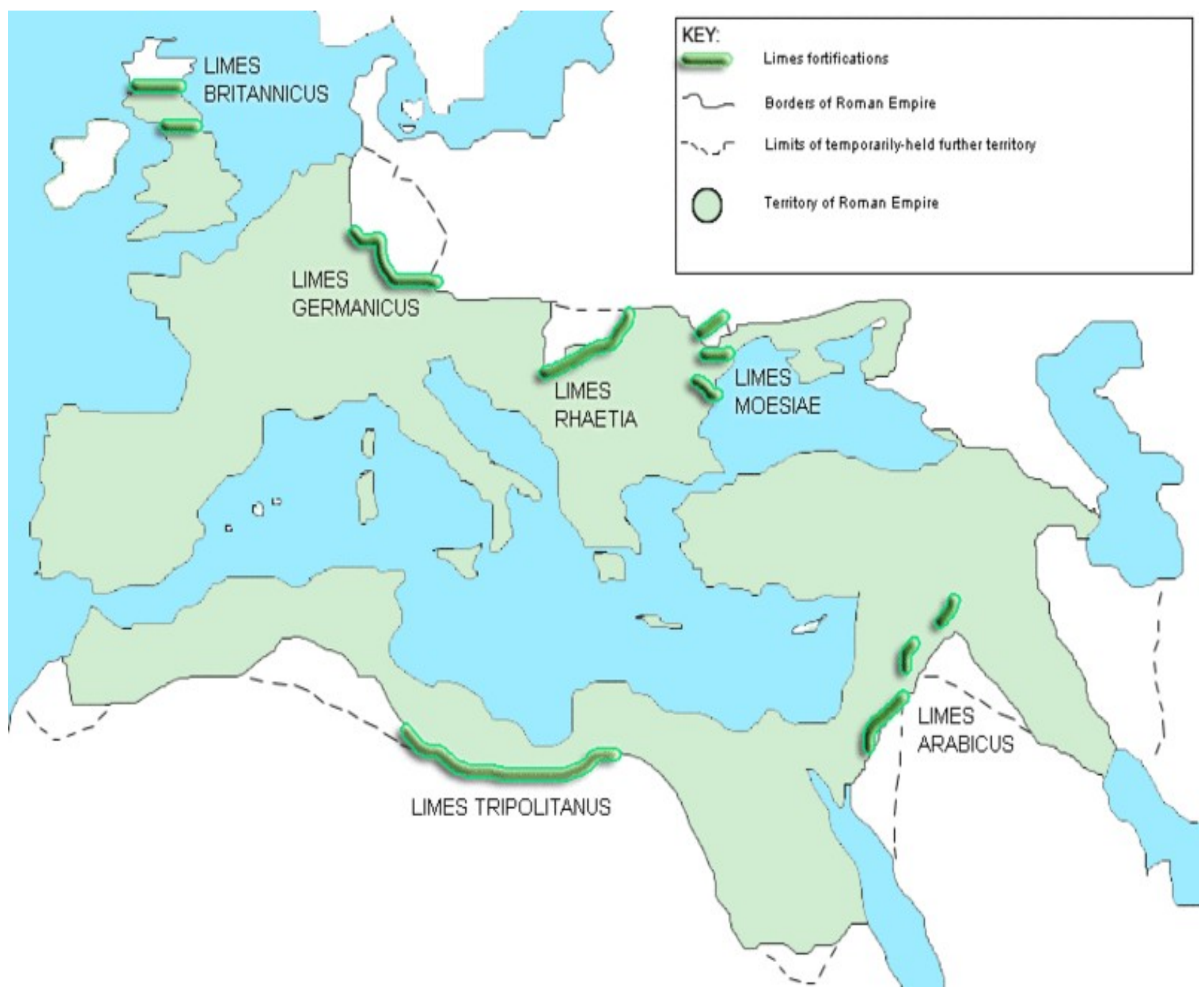
Modern Aqueduct





Map of all the territories once occupied by the Roman Empire. The lands in cyan and magenta represent those whose conquest is doubtful or temporary.





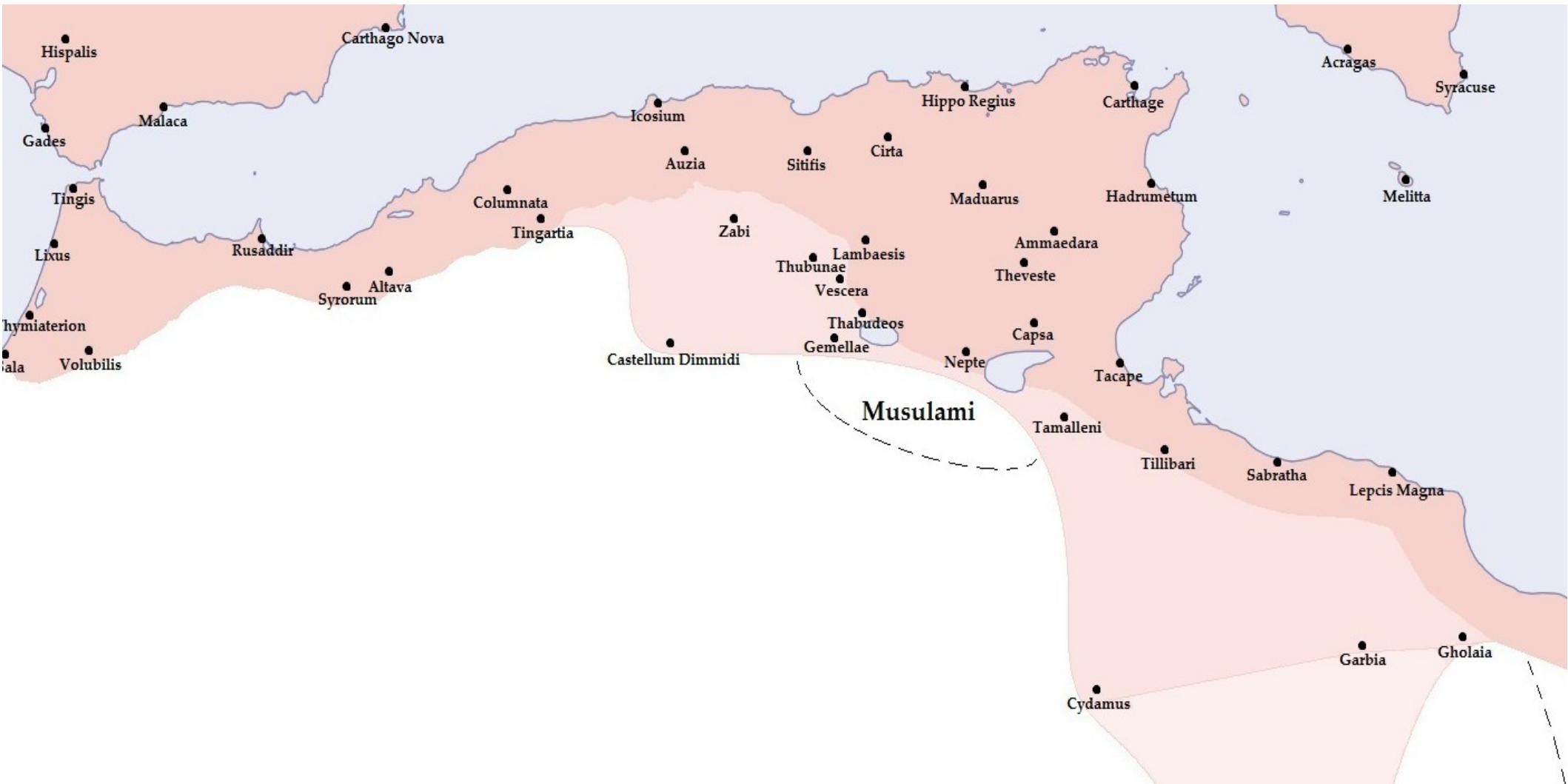
**Hadrian and Antoninus Pius built defences to protect the province of
Britannia from the Caledonians and Pictis.**



The Emperor, who was tired of having to maintain expensive garrisons in Britain to keep out Pictish marauders from what is now known as Scotland, commissioned this wall to be built at one of the narrowest portions of the isle of Great Britain in 122.



South borders(in North Africa)





Borders in lower Germany



A section of the frontier: the ditch and palisade backed by watch towers every few hundred yards were not intended as a physical barrier, but as a tripwire: slowing down invaders and allowing the border guards time to call in mobile reinforcements

That's a pile of logs and tinder at left: a signal beacon. The most important job of the frontier forts was providing early warning for mobile forces behind the border.



What about Eastern Europe?



Valul lui Traian,
Trajan's limes
in Dobrogea,
present day
Romania

Danube River



Map of Limes in Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia and Serbia (Pannonia/system of fortifications)



