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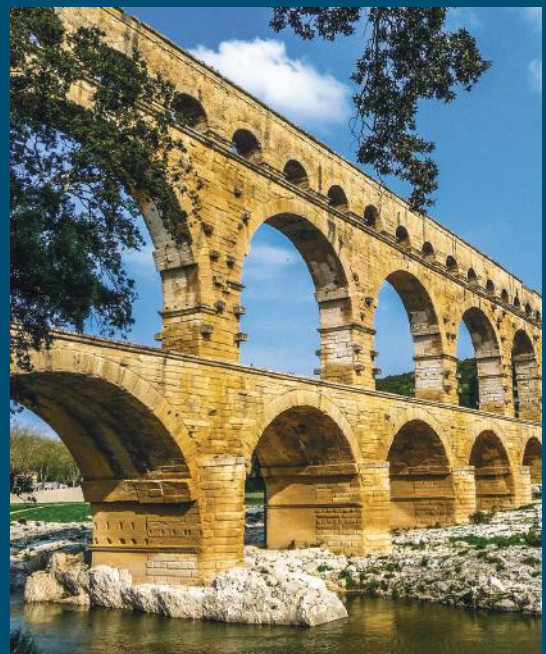
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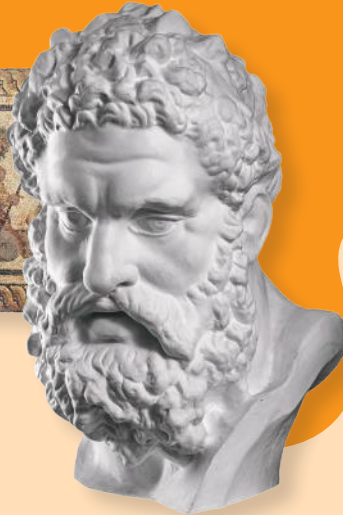
The ancient Romans were practical people, who wanted their temples, homes, baths and other buildings to be as useful as possible. They invented concrete and used it to make structures strong. They developed new techniques for the construction of roads, arches and aqueducts. They also liked to decorate their buildings and public spaces with statues, mosaics and paintings.



This is a Roman amphitheatre, they were built for events such as gladiator combats.

The Romans constructed aqueducts like this one to bring water from outside sources into cities and towns.





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## Did the Romans like art?

Very little of Roman art was created simply for beauty's sake. Nearly all their art had a practical purpose, such as honouring their gods.

Below is the arm of a Roman statue which was found by archaeologists in Greenwich Park. Some archaeologists think it shows the goddess, Diana, but some think it shows a real person, a noble lady of the time. Can you imagine and draw the rest of the statue?

