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Ancient Roman Roads: Graphic Organizer

In the 8th century BCE, a small civilization along the Tiber River grew to become one of the largest empires in history. Some of ancient Rome's most enduring legacies were practical innovations that allowed the empire to run efficiently for so many years. Explore one of ancient Rome's many engineering achievements, Roman roads.



Large stone blocks, curbs, and pedestrian walkways were all part of ancient Roman road design.

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Research answers to the questions below.

Name: What was the original Latin name Romans used for their roads? What did it mean?	
Origin: When did the ancient Romans start building their first stone-paved roads?	
Purpose: Why did ancient Roman engineers build tunnels for the roads?	
Design: How did Roman roads guard against freezing and flooding that could make the roads unsafe?	
Famous example: What was the Via Appia, and why was it so famous?	
Fun fact: Add a new piece of information about Roman roads that you found particularly interesting.	