Some things Romans brought to us

Currency
- Romans brought in their own coinage
- common currency across the Roman Empire
  - A global currency

Our Calendar
- Julian calendar consisted of 365 days, along with a leap year every four years
- forming the basis of the Gregorian calendar
  - names of the months derive from Roman months

Roads
- wide and straight
  - Examples : Watling Street (the A2 + A5) and Dere Street (A59 + A1 from York)
- dig a trench
- add layer of big stones
- add pebbles and sand, then cement and broken stones
- add neatly cut paving stones
  - ditches on either side to allow water to drain away.

Buildings and Architecture
- town houses, or villas
  - reception rooms, bedrooms, private baths, gardens, courtyards
- Temples
  - Example : The Pantheon in Rome
- Amphitheatres and stadiums
  - Example : The Colosseum in Rome
- Palaces with marble floors, running water and heat
- Extensive use of mosaics in buildings
- Use of concrete, bricks and the arch
- Extensive use of stone

Towns
- Examples : Londinium, Aqua Sulis and Lindum colonia
  - Now called London, Bath and Lincoln respectively

Latin
- over 60% of English words come from Latin
  - U.S. Study of "Dead" Latin Is Making a Comeback. In National Geographic News. Devlin, F. (2001, June 14).
- languages that come from Latin are known as the "Romance" languages

Bureaucracy
- to govern an empire covering Europe, West Asia and North Africa,
  - the eventual challenge
- from a small city state on the Tiber river
  - the beginning...

Advertising and Trademarks
- Products from mechants/traders advertised using billboards and signs
- Emperors concerned with self-promotion
  - Military victories highlighted on coins
- Pottery stamped with potter's name

Plumbing and Sanitation
- Construction of many aqueducts
  - bringing fresh water to towns
- Construction of toilets, latrines and baths
- Construction of drains in houses and streets