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Roman Trick Rooms

A. Read the story. Then complete the activity.



Tomorrow you have a special school trip. The teacher tells you what you need to bring. It is a long list and there is no time to write it down. How can you remember everything? Maybe the ancient Roman Room Trick can help.

The first step is to see a place in your mind. You need to see it very clearly. In your mind see the bed and the desk. See windows; imagine curtains and decorations on the walls. This all helps you remember changes in your mental room easily.

Put things you need to remember in the room, like a list of things for your school trip. You can put a notebook on the bed, your lunch under the desk chair. Stick a permission slip on the wall. Put a pencil on your pillow. These are big changes that you can see as you walk through the room in your mind. The changes help you remember your list.

That's how the Romans used the Room Trick. Try out the trick to remember a long list.

Fun Facts

Some people imagine palaces to hold many memories together.

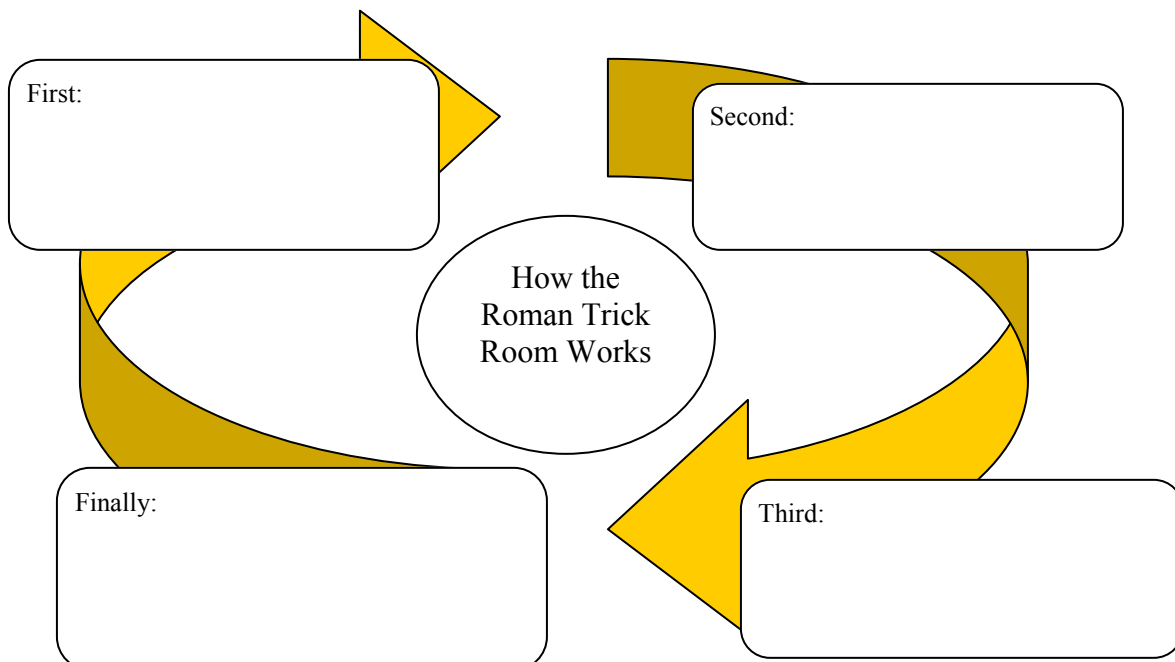
World memory Champion Clemens Mayer used his roman room to memorize 1040 random numbers in half an hour.

Simon Reinhard used the Roman Room trick to memorize the order of a deck of cards in 21.90 seconds.

1. What is the main idea of the story?

a. Teach the history of the Roman. B. Teach tips for decorating rooms. C. Teach tips for improving your memory.

2. Complete the map with details from the story.



3. Would you use a roman trick room? Why or why not? Tell your partner what you think.