Name _____ Date _____

Roman Citizens

Part 1. The Lives of Roman Citizens
As you read each biography of a Roman citizen, answer the questions for that citizen. After you've read all four biographies, complete the last column by ranking the Romans from most rights to least.

	Is he or she a Roman citizen? How do you know?	**Does he or she have the ability to rise within Roman society? How do you know?**	**Ranking of Rights (1 – least to 4 – most)**
Carpenter Valerius Silvanus			
Slave Fortunata			
Soldier Quintus Valerius Secundus			
Hairdresser Tryphosa			
Other groups from the readings:			

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Roman Citizens, continued

Part 2. Examining Citizenship in the Roman Empire

Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. For the Romans you ranked as having the most rights (numbers 3 and 4), what did those citizens gain from being a part of the Roman system? What, if anything, did the lowest-ranked Romans gain from participation in the social system? _____

2. Based on your reading of the documents, was social mobility possible in ancient Rome? Why or why not? _____

3. What other sources could expand our knowledge of the Roman social system? How? _____

4. Do you see elements of the Roman social system in the world today? If so, where? If not, why not? _____

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