

Q: Who funded the construction of cities' buildings and monuments during the Imperial period?

A: In large part, emperors did. However, rich citizens also did. For citizens, patronage of the arts was a way to better oneself and earn respect (sometimes to earn a better professional position as well), and to show one's loyalty and encourage civic virtue.

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Q: Could Romans make different types of concrete depending on specific construction needs?

A: Yes, concrete is a mixture of sand or crushed stone (aggregate), water, and cement. The aggregate can be adapted to the needs of the builders. By choosing a particular type of stone to make the aggregate, Romans could make lighter or heavier concrete, depending on the need. Different parts of structures could therefore be made with different types of concrete.

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