

What Did the Hostages Learn in Rome?

- **Latin Language**
 - The foundation for all communication, law, and administration in Rome.
 - Learning Latin meant thinking and expressing themselves in the Roman worldview.
- **Roman History and Myths**
 - Stories of Rome's greatness, heroes, and conquests were taught to glorify the Empire.
 - These served to justify Roman rule and superiority.
- **Rhetoric and Public Speaking**
 - Training in persuasive speech was essential for political leadership.
 - It taught not just how to speak, but how to think like a Roman elite.
- **Philosophy and Ethics**
 - Often based on Stoicism or Romanized Greek philosophies.
 - Emphasized duty, obedience to authority, and civic responsibility—values aligning with imperial ideology.

- Military Tactics and Leadership

- Some hostages were trained for military service in the Roman army.

- This helped Rome create loyal local rulers and military allies.

- Roman Law and Governance

- Learning how Rome's legal system worked was essential for those expected to rule under Roman oversight.