

Stage 40 Roman law courts

Read pages 95–97 in your textbook and answer the following:

- 1 Explain what happened in the following cases during the first century AD:
a criminal offenses b civil cases
- 2 With what type of civil cases did the **centumvirī** deal?
- 3 Describe what could happen to senators charged with crimes during Domitian's time.
- 4 Explain the three main differences between Roman and modern times in handling criminal charges.
- 5 List three ways success as a speaker in court could affect a Roman citizen.
- 6 What were the expected rewards for the people who conducted court cases?
- 7 Explain the difference between Roman courts in the first century BC and during the time of Domitian.
- 8 Which three authors gave vivid details about the liveliness and excitement in courts? List seven details they mentioned.
- 9 Indicate two tactics used in Roman courts to sway the jury.
- 10 While it is difficult to judge the overall fairness of Roman courts, what do the writings of Pliny and Quintilian show?
- 11 How did the following terms affect the fairness of Roman courts: **lēgēs**, **decemvirī lēgibus scribendīs**, and **duodecim tabulae**?
- 12 How could one describe Roman law at its best? For what did Roman law become the basis?