

patres

fathers or elders -
members of the senate
in the early republic

patria potestas

paternal authority

patrocinium

patronage

penaria

larders

peristylum

portico with gardens
and fountains

phalanx

a compact body of heavy-armed infantry in battle formation, consisting of a series of parallel columns of men standing close one behind the other, sixteen lines deep, with overlapping shields

pietas

sense of duty to the gods, one's parents and one's country

plebs

common people,
lower classes

pomerium

sacred boundary around Rome which no Roman in arms was permitted to cross except for the purpose of a triumph

pontifex maximus

chief priest

populares

a minority in the senate who sought to gain the support of the people's assembly in their desire for reform of self-advancement

portoria

taxes on goods entering or leaving harbours and crossing borders

praefectus alae

cavalry prefect

praefectus annonae

prefect of the grain supply

praefectus cohortus

prefect of a cohort

praefectus vigilum	prefect of the watch (fire brigade)
praenomen	personal name
praetor	a Roman magistrate whose chief duties were judicial
praetor peregrinus	a judge concerned with cases involving foreigners
praetor urbanus	supreme civil judge of Rome

princeps civitatis

first citizen

princeps iuventutis

title given to the heirs
of Augustus and his
successors

princeps senatus

the senator whose name
headed the senatorial lists
and who was entitled to
speak first in the senate

principes

second line in the early
republican army,
composed of men in
their prime

proletarii

citizens without sufficient
property to be classified in
one of the five property
classes on which the early
army was based

provincia

sphere of action or
duty - province

provocatio

the right of appeal
against a capital charge
or act of a magistrate

publicani

tax collectors

quaestor

a Roman magistrate whose duties
were chiefly financial
(superintended the public treasury,
acted as a paymaster in the army
and supervised the collection of
taxes in the provinces)

sacellum

chapel