

ab epistulis

secretary-general in the imperial civil service

aedile

a roman magistrate whose duties included maintaining the city of Rome

aerium militare

military treasury established by Augustus in ad 6 to provide for veterans

aerium saturni

the state treasury of Rome, housed in the temple of sturn

ager publicus

public land in Italy which had been confiscated from a conquered enemy

ager romanus

land comprising the
roman state

agnomen

an additional surname added to the
praenomen (personal name),
nomen (clan name) and cognomen
(family name) to indicate a great
victory, an adoption or a special
attribute

alae

wings - referring originally to the
contingents of allies on the
flanks of a roman legion and
later more specifically to the
cavalry units

amici

friends

amicitia

friendship

ampullae	terra-cotta or glass bottles containing ointments or perfumed oils
angusticlave	a narrow purple stripe on the on the tunics worn by members of the equestrian order (at the time of Augustus)
annales maximi	the year-by-year arrangement in eighty books of official events of the state - elections, commands, and civic, provincial and religious business organised by the pontifex maximus P. Muscius Scaevola in 131-130 bc
apodyterium	a dressing room in the public baths
aquila	an eagle - generally referring to the standard carried by a roman legion into battle (after the time of Marius) which featured an eagle

as

a large copper coin of small monetary value, usually bearing the head of Janus on one side and the prow of a ship on the other

atrium

the vestibule or open central room in a Roman house

auctoritas

great authority, influence and prestige

augur

a priest whose duty it was to observe and interpret signs (auspices) in order to determine the will of the gods on all important occasions

aula

the hall of a Roman house

auspicium

the right of taking the
auspices

auxilia

the auxiliary Roman army created
by Augustus: contingents of cavalry
and light infantry raised from non-
Roman provincials and attached to
individual legions; also used for
garrison duty in the provinces

beneficia

benefits received by a
client from his patron

bestiarii

men who fought wild in
the arena

calidarium

area used for hot baths

censi	assessments made according to property for division of people into military classes
century	a division of the Roman army led by a centurion
a libellis	legal secretary (one of the officials in the imperial civil service of the emperor Claudius)
a rationibus	head of the financial department in the imperial civil service
a studiis	privy seal - librarian department in the imperial civil service