Roman *Mater*

This is *Agrippina*. She is married to a senator and lives a very wealthy lifestyle.

Being a ***mater*** is dangerous in Rome, as there is not much medical help for giving birth. Women give birth on a birthing chair with the help of a midwife. Sometimes a ***medicus*** is present but not always.

Agrippina has four ***pueros***, three ***filios*** *et* one ***filiam***. She has *tres* ***servos*** *et unum* ***coquum***to help look after the ***domum***.

While her ***maritus*** is working, it is her duty to give her ***servos*** their orders, such as cleaning duties and looking after the ***pueros***. She is also responsible for the education of the children: she selects the ***magistrum*** and the ***pueri*** are educated at home.

Roman ***matres*** have to be ***elegantes***, ***fidae***, and respectful. During the evening, when the children are in bed, Agrippina likes to go to the Roman ***balneas***, attend dinner parties with her husband and go to the ***tabernas***.

**Can you answer these questions?**

Why is it danger to be a mother in ancient Rome?

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If Agrippina only had one son, what ending would you need for *fili\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?*

If Agrippina had more than one cook what ending would you need for *coqu\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?*

What is the Latin plural form of shop? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How is the mother responsible for the education of her children?

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What do Roman women do in the evening?

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How do you think Agrippina’s life differs from the lives of poor mothers?

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Can you connect the Latin words with the correct translations?

*Elegans* faithful

*Fida* bath

*Balnea* elegant

*Medicus* doctor