**Roman Army Basics**

**Composition**
Legions – 5000 men
10 Cohorts per Legion
6 Centuries per Cohort
80 men per century
120 cavalrymen

**Equipment**
Short Sword (Gladius)
Large shield (Scutum)
Javelins (Pilum)
Dagger (Purgio)
Spear (Hasta)
Chainmail armour (Lorica Hamata)
Scale Armour (Lorica Segmentata)
Helmet
Greaves

**Basic formations**
Lines – form in ranks of overlapping shields to present a solid wall.

**Testudo** – The tortoise, men on the outside face shields out while those in the middle hold there shields overhead to protect from missiles.





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