



Power and people in ancient Rome

The ancient Romans constructed some of the first ever purpose-built venues for mass-entertainment. How do these structures enhance the audience's experience of the spectacle? This album looks at famous Roman buildings like the Colosseum, a venue designed to impress, where vast numbers of people congregated for gladiatorial combat, chariot-racing and theatrical shows. Structures such as the Circus Maximus and even the Baths were designed as striking symbols of civic pride, glorifying the power of the Emperors who built them. This material forms part of the Open University Course A219 Exploring the classical world.