Lectio 02: Roma est Magna!

Naming in Ancient Rome
Roman males had three names…

1. praenōmen
- similar to our first or given name

2. nōmen
- similar to our last name
- considered a family, or **clan**, name
- all free-born Romans belonged to a clan.

3. cognōmen
- indicated a particular branch of the clan
- no equivalent in most Westernized cultures

> **Important Terms**
> praenomen
> nomen
> cognomen
> clan
> Primus / Prima
> Secundus / Secunda
> masculine ending -us
> feminine ending -a

Example

Marcus	**Tullius**	**Cicero**	*His first daughter would be: Tullia Prima*
praenōmen	nōmen	cognōmen	*His first son would be: Marcus Tullius Cicero Primus*

Daughters
Notice that the daughter simply has the father's **nōmen**, but with a feminine ending **-a.**

- *What would be the name of Cornelia's father?* _____

If a family had more than one daughter, the girls were named by birth order: **Tullia Prīma** (first-born), **Tullia Secunda** (second-born), and so on.

When the daughters married, they added their husband's **nōmen** as their second name.

Some Roman Names

Modern Names	Roman Origin
Antony	Antonius
Emily	Aemilia
Julio	Julius
Julia	Julia
Luke	Lucius
Lucy / Lucia	Lucia
Mark	Marcus

Some Latin words that are now names…

Amanda	Felix	Max	Sylvia / Silvia
Bella / Belle	Grace	Rosa / Rose	Victor / Victoria
	Leo	Stella	Vincent / Vicente

> *Do you know anyone with a name from this list?*

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