So You Want to Be a Roman Soldier?

The Romans didn't let just anybody join their army. A man had to be super fit and super healthy to even be considered for the army!

How long does it take you to walk to school? To be in the Roman army, you had to be able to march 20 miles in 5 hours!

Roman soldiers had to be able to throw a javelin. Why do you think this skill would have been needed?

Of course, Roman soldiers had to be able to enter into battle and fight other soldiers using a sword and a shield.

Think about what it feels like to swim across a swimming pool.

Do you think it would be trickier to swim across a river?

How about swimming across a river whilst wearing heavy armour?

This was another thing that aspiring Roman soldiers would have to be able to do.

How calm are you under pressure? Could you stay calm during battle?

Would you panic if you had to swim across a river wearing this?





Soldiers had to stay calm all the time, even if they were in the middle of a sword fight! Your task is to persuade the Roman army that you are what they have been looking for! Success Criteria $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ My writing opens with my point of view. · Each paragraph explains each point that I make. • I have finished with a summary and final persuasive sentence.

