

Creative Fun with History!

Going Goofy Games:

All Roads Lead to Rome

Play this game outside so there is plenty of room to roam. Select a site a few yards away to represent “home,” which is Rome. The object of the game is to get there!

Everyone in this game is a Roman soldier far away from home. In order to get back home, you will eventually need to:

- Fix the roads (do a somersault)
- Build the bridges (do a cartwheel)
- Balance the aqueducts (arms held out to the side, one leg lifted and pointing backwards)

To begin, march in place, not advancing, singing these words:

(to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

March, march, march along,

Singing as you roam.

Very soon, very soon, very soon, very soon,
You’ll be going home.

Determine who will be the soldier first, who will be second, and so on. After one time through, pick the first soldier to make his way toward home while everyone else continues to sing, still marching in place. After the second time through, the soldier must attempt to get home. He must fix a road (do a somersault), then

build a bridge (do a cartwheel), and balance an aqueduct (hold the arms out to the side, lift one leg to point backward).

While the soldier is fixing the road, everyone else says, “All roads lead to Rome, but you are far from home.” While the soldier is building the bridge, everyone else says, “All roads lead to Rome, and you are close to home.”

While the soldier balances the aqueduct, everyone else says,

“All roads lead to Rome, and you are almost home!”

If the soldier has successfully completed the three tasks, he may take three giant steps towards home. If at that point he can touch “home,” he jumps up and down and shouts,

“Rome, Rome, Rome, Rome,

I have come back home to Rome!”

If he cannot touch home, he must march in place, not advancing, until all of the players have had a turn. When everyone has had a turn, anyone who is still not home may repeat the actions of fixing the road, building a bridge, and balancing the aqueduct until they reach home while the others continue chanting the “All roads lead to Rome...” parts.