

I AM A ROMAN.

I live in the Lake District. Let me tell you about my life...

My name – **Adorna**

My age – **7**

My home – I live with my mother outside the fort at **Ambleside**.

My family – My mother is **Elata** and my father is **Nero**. I have two younger brothers.

What do I do? I help my mother with **cooking and chores** around the house.

What else can I tell you?

I love acting and have made up many plays of my own.

Whenever I am free from helping my mother I like to practice with my friends.

We sometimes perform the plays in front of our parents.

Mother has promised to take me to see a real play when I am older.

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My name – **Benedicta**

My age – **31**

My home – I live in a house outside the fort at **Ambleside**.

My family – I am married to **Rex** and we live with our children near my cousin **Delora**.

What do I do? I look after the **animals** and keep the house clean.

What else can I tell you?

My chores take me most of the day. The animals have to be fed and watered because we get a lot of our food from them.

I also sweep the house and scrub the kitchen ready to make dinner.

My daughter helps me but by night time I am usually exhausted!

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My name – Celeste

My age – 10

My home – I live with my mother outside Ambleside Fort.

My family – My mother and father are Delora and Marcus.

I have an older brother, Paul.

What do I do? I prepare the vegetables and meat for my mother to cook.

What else can I tell you?

I am glad that I do not have to go to school like my brother. It means I have more time to play with my friends. We all help our mothers with chores, but when we have finished we can play together.

Sometimes we go to the fort to watch the soldiers marching. They look very fine.

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My name – Delora

My age – 30

My home – I live in a house outside the fort at Ambleside with my daughter.

My family – I am married to Marcus. Our children are called Celeste and Paul.

What do I do? I cook all the food for my family and take care of the housework.

What else can I tell you?

I like to end every day by saying my prayers. I am a Christian and so are many of my friends. It is important to believe in God, and I find it a comfort when I am worn out with housework.

My children pray with me before they go to sleep and I ask God to watch over them.

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My name – Elata

My age – 24

My home – I live with my children outside the fort at Ambleside.

My family – My husband is called Nero. We have a daughter called Adorna and two sons.

What do I do? I spin wool and make clothes for the family.

What else can I tell you?

I come from a family of spinners and am proud of the tradition. My favourite piece of clothing to make is a women's tunic – they're so elegant. I prefer paler colours because they look more stylish.

It's always fun choosing pieces of jewellery to go with a new outfit, especially if it's going to be worn to a party.

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My name – Flavia

My age – 33

My home – I live in a house outside the fort at Ravenglass with my children.

My family – I am married to Sol and our children are called Oliver and Hera.

What do I do? I bake all the bread for the men at the fort and the families outside.

What else can I tell you?

The biggest order for bread I ever had came last month. A feast was planned for all the men and families of the fort, with every type of food you can imagine. I was baking for three days and nights without sleep! Mind you it was worth it, the feast was amazing and my bread was a big success.

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My name – Hera

My age – 15

My home – I live outside Ravenglass Fort with my mother and brother.

My family – My parents are Flavia and Sol. I have an older brother called Oliver.

What do I do? I help my mother with her baking by grinding grain to make flour.

What else can I tell you?

Mother says that I will have to be married soon, but I hope not. I want to have time to see my friends, not keep house all day.

Yesterday we went for a walk and saw some Brigantian men coming to trade. They looked very strange with their bright patterned clothes. They saw us giggling so we ran away quickly!

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My name – Imelda

My age – 20

My home – I live in a house outside the fort at Ravenglass with my children.

My family – I am married to Leo. We have two young children.

What do I do? I cook for my family and also help cook food for soldiers at the fort.

What else can I tell you?

I am happiest when there is a play or a concert on. I love to sit and watch the actors, or listen to the music. We always have a big meal beforehand, and people stay up and talk long into the night.

It's one of the times that the soldiers can be with their families – if they're not on duty.

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My name – Leo

My age – 22

My home – I live with the other soldiers inside Ravenglass Fort.

My family – I am married to Imelda. We have two young children.

What do I do? I work in the tile kilns at Muncaster, making tiles for our Roman buildings.

What else can I tell you?

When I'm not at work I like to play sports. We often have contests and I like to win!

I'm the champion runner at the fort, although I will have more competition this year. It's hard to run in this hilly land, but it makes you stronger for working.

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My name – Marcus

My age – 32

My home – I live with the other soldiers inside Ambleside Fort.

My family – My wife is called Elata. We have a daughter and two young sons.

What do I do? I'm a soldier. I make sure all the junior soldiers do their daily patrols.

What else can I tell you?

I have been in the army for 14 years. My duties are to make sure the younger men become good soldiers, and do their patrols.

I am also the champion in hand-to-hand combat and have been for the last three years. I think the younger men respect me for this.

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My name – Nero

My age – 26

My home – I live with the other soldiers stationed at Hardknott Fort.

My family – I am married to Elata. We have a daughter called Adorna and two sons.

What do I do? I patrol Hardknott pass to make sure there is no threat of invasion.

What else can I tell you?

I like being out on patrol. There's always something to deal with. We often meet groups of Brigantes coming to trade. We keep a close eye on them, but there hasn't been any trouble for a while now.

The worst days are when it rains so hard you can't see down the valley. Last week the rain even turned to sleet!

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My name – Oliver

My age – 16

My home – I live with my mother outside the fort at Ravenglass.

My family – My parents are Flavia and Sol. I have a sister called Hera.

What do I do? I have a slave to give me lessons. He has taught me to read and write.

What else can I tell you?

I am training to become a surveyor like my father. One day I will take over the business from him, and I hope to make it a big success. I love designing grand buildings. My family is well known and quite wealthy. I will be married soon and will have plenty of girls to choose from.

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My name – Paul

My age – 14

My home – I live with my mother outside the fort at Ambleside.

My family – My mother and father are Delora and Marcus. I have a sister called Celeste.

What do I do? I'm in charge of feeding and watering the cavalry horses.

What else can I tell you?

I love looking after the horses and often spend all day with them. I can tell if something is wrong with them just by looking.

The soldiers trust my opinion even though I'm young.

Most days I can ride one of them out beyond the fort. My mother worries in case I go too far and meet enemy soldiers but I've never seen any.

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My name – Rex

My age – 35

My home – I live with the other soldiers at Ambleside Fort.

My family – I am married to **Benedicta**. We have four children, two boys and two girls.

What do I do? I do my military duties in the fort and I'm also a tax collector.

What else can I tell you?

I've been a tax collector since I was 18 and my father and grandfather were tax collectors before me. Most people pay up on time and I only have to threaten some.

In the evenings I like to gamble. I have not lost a game for three weeks!

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My name – Rufus

My age – 29

My home – I am stationed at **Ravenglass.**

My family – I'm not married but my brother Sol and his family are here too.

What do I do? I'm a sailor and I help protect the trade goods that arrive here by sea.

What else can I tell you?

I'm happiest when I'm at sea on a good ship. We patrol the coast, sailing up and down to look for enemy ships. When trade boats come in we escort them into the harbour at Ravenglass.

I first went to sea when I was seven. Since then I've had many adventures, in stormy weather and in far off places.

I AM A ROMAN.

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My name – Sol

My age – 34

My home – I am stationed at **Ravenglass Fort.**

My family – My wife Flavia and I have two children, and I have a brother called Rufus.

What do I do? I'm a surveyor and I help design and build new structures at the fort.

What else can I tell you?

I'm proud of the fort we have built here. I hear it is as good as any outside of Rome, and better than most. I helped build our home too, which is a fine building.

In the evenings I like to play the pipes. My wife likes to listen and I often perform at feasts.