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Excerpt

In ancient Rome, the law primarily established the rights and duties of Roman citizens (**Cives Romani**) and, by distinguishing them from non-citizens (peregrini), inherently differentiated them from non-citizens by stating that certain laws, known as the **ius civile**, applied exclusively to citizens.

- **Access to Law:** The Roman civil law applied to citizens only. Non-citizens did not have the same legal standing in Roman courts.



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- **Property Rights:** Citizens had stronger property protections and acquisition rights that were not available to foreigners.
- **Marriage:** Intermarriage between a Roman citizen and a non-citizen was generally prohibited unless a special dispensation was granted.
- **Capital Punishment/Trial:** Laws concerning the capital punishment of a Roman citizen required a trial, a right not extended to non-citizens.
- **Citizenship Acquisition:** Access to citizenship was primarily determined by birth to Roman parents.



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