



So you want to be a soldier.....?

Auxiliary soldiers like the ones in Gelligaer came from all over the Roman Empire. Many men were eager to join as auxiliaries.

Below are some reasons for deciding to join the army or for deciding against it. Imagine that you are thinking of joining up. Sort them into two groups – those that might make you want to join and those that might

✓ FOR YES, ✗ FOR NO

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| 1 | You will have to stay in the army for up to 25 years. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | You will have a regular wage. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | You will have the chance to travel. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | You will not be able to go home to see your family very often if at all. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | At the end of your service you will become a Roman citizen. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | Punishments given to soldiers are very harsh, including flogging.
Some soldiers even end up being put to death. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 | You will not be allowed to have a wife until you leave the army. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 | You will have to learn a lot of orders in Latin. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 | You will have to pay for a lot of your equipment, including your weapons. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 | Some of your pay will be taken from you to pay for a pension after you
leave the army and for your funeral when you die. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 | You will be expected to spend a lot of time training and keeping fit. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 | You will often be in dangerous places where you could get killed. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 | When you finish in the army you will get money and land. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 | You will have to obey all orders. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 | You will be expected to march about 20 miles a day, carrying heavy equipment. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 | The Legionnaires will probably think they are better than you. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17 | You get a share of any wealth captured in battle. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18 | People will know you are a soldier just by looking at you. | <input type="checkbox"/> |