



Introduction

The Ancient Romans were the most advanced civilization of their time period, they invented many technological advancements that we still utilize today, including aqueducts. Aqueducts brought water for everything that the people of Rome and other Roman cities needed.

What is an aqueduct?

The Roman aqueduct was an ancient version of the modern day irrigation system. Aqueducts come from the Latin word aqua which means water and ducere which means to lead. Ancient Romans were able to transport water up to 57 miles and bring up to 85 million gallons a day, all using the power of gravity (Bix).

Invention

Although most people think all the credit goes to the Romans for the invention of the aqueducts, they were not the first civilization to use this form of irrigation. The first forms of the aqueducts were actually made by a Minoan civilization on the island of Crete in the early 1900's B.C. The Romans didn't make their first aqueduct until 312 B.C., over 1500 years after the first aqueducts (Cline).