# Literature

Component 2 (30%)

#### Lesson 7:

## What was life like for Romans in the countryside?

**Year 10 Latin** 

### LO: to evaluate Roman life in the countryside

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

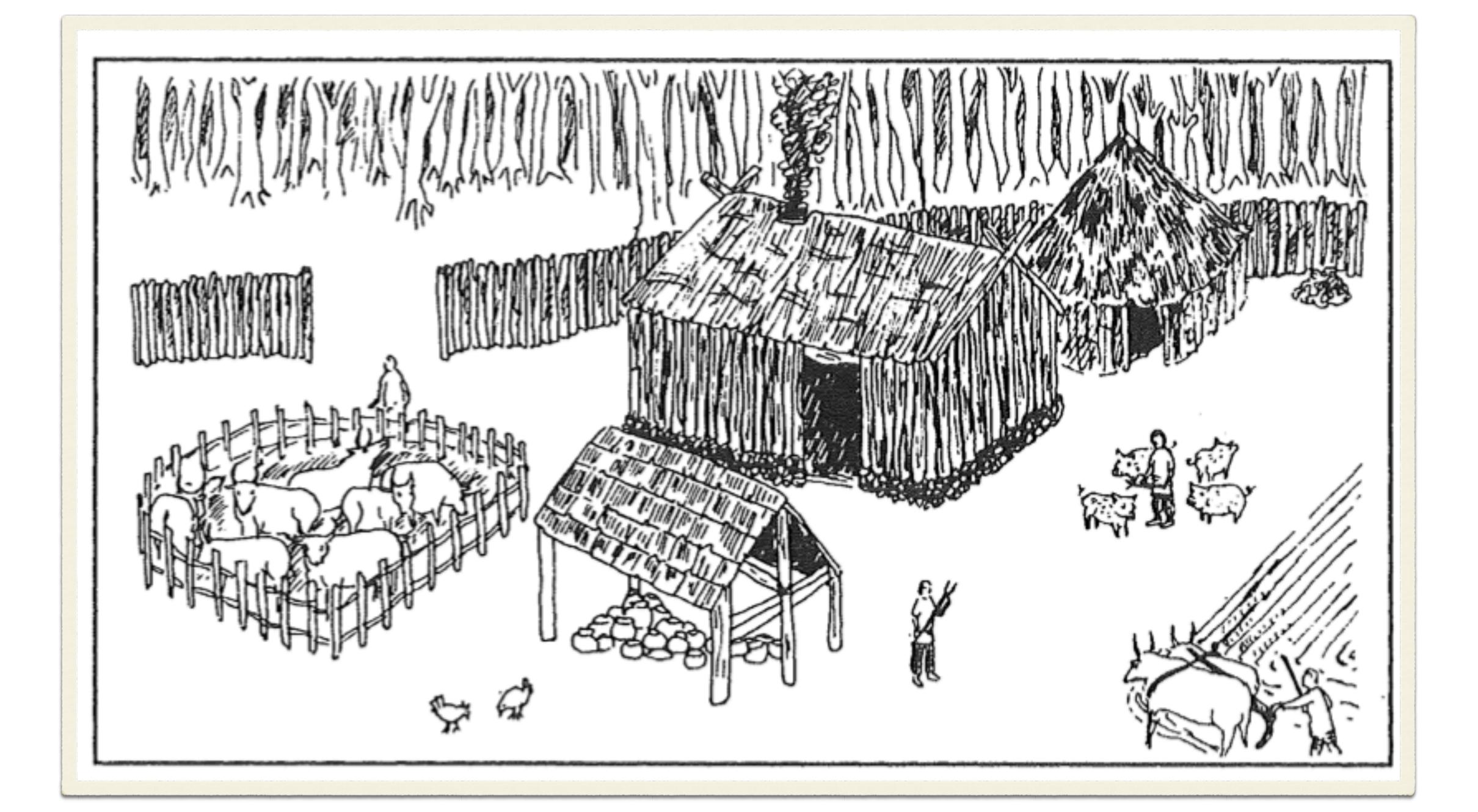
Recalling our learning: what were the typical features of a country villa?	

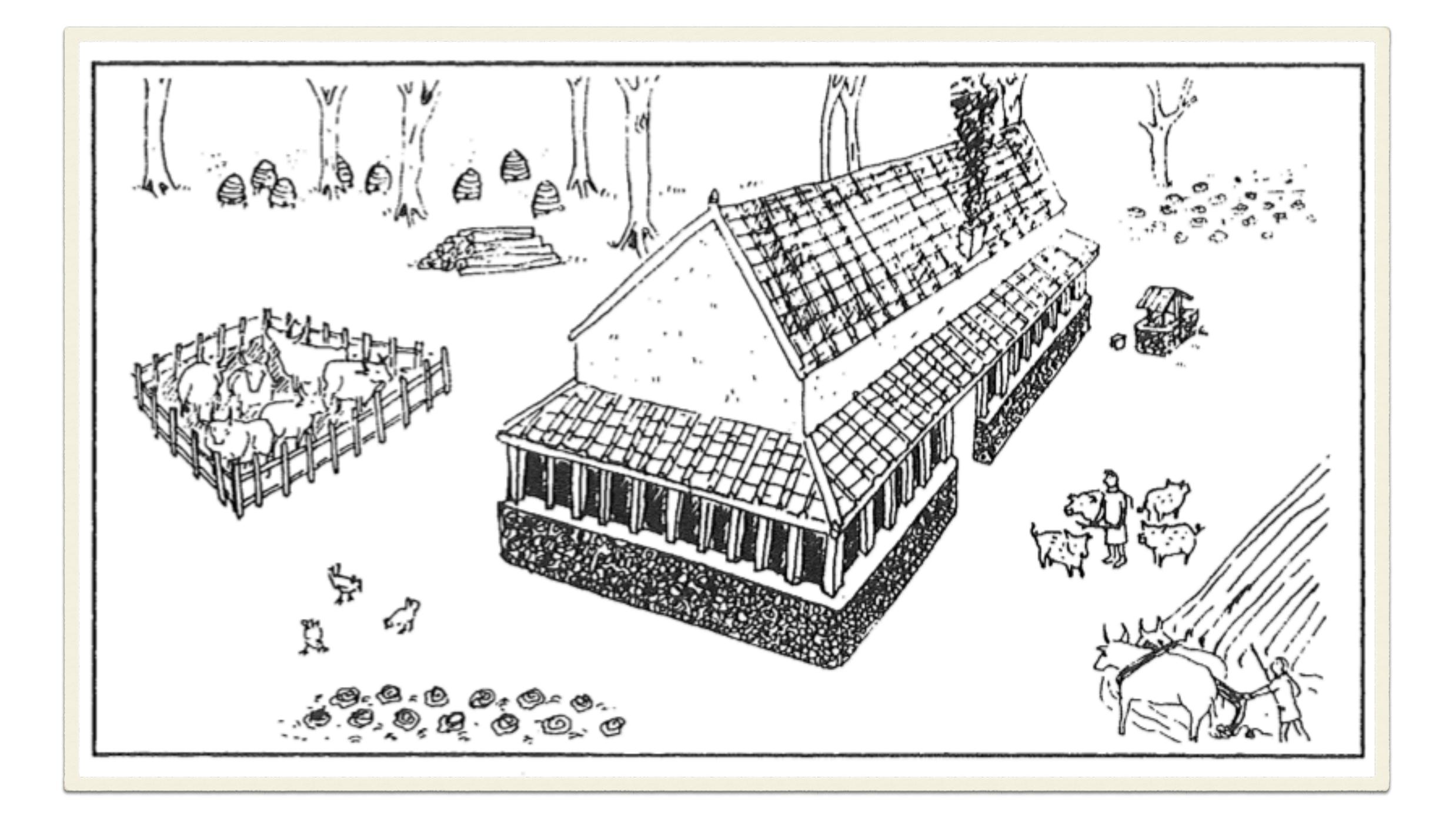
#### Component 2: Literature (30%) roadmap to 2025

Candidates are expected to be familiar with the following aspects of the theme:

- traditional peasant farming;
- country villas;
- hunting.

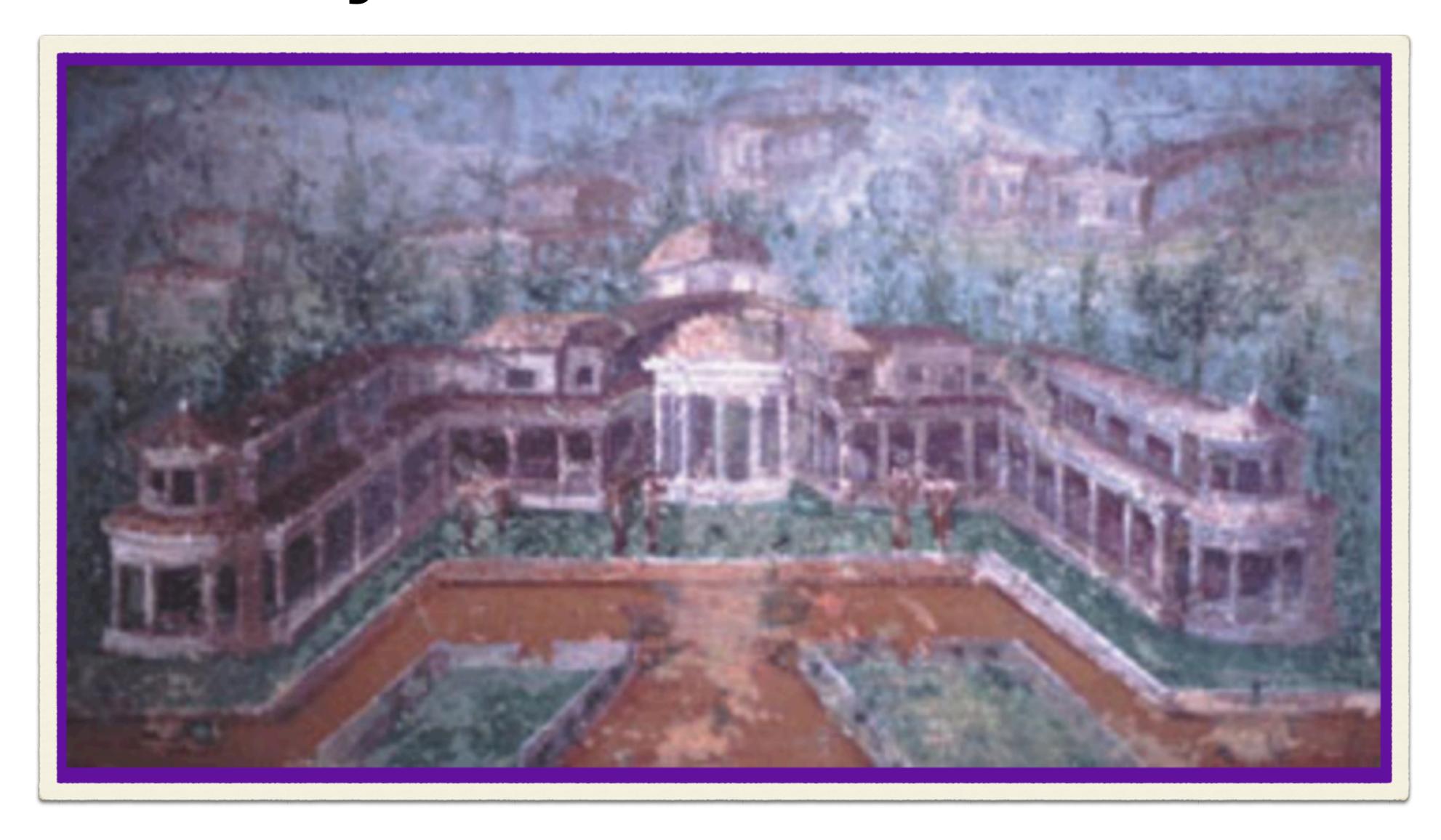
Country villas naturally varied in design, but they usually contained some or all of the following features: a series of dining and reception rooms for entertaining guests, often with extensive views of the surrounding countryside; a set of baths, heated by hypocausts, containing the full range of apodyterium, tepidarium, caldarium and frigidarium; long colonnades where the owner and his friends might walk, or even ride, sheltered from the rain or from the direct heat of the sun; and extensive parkland, farmland or gardens, preferably with plenty of shade and running water. In a corner of the estate there might be a small shrine, dedicated to the protecting gods.





- 1 You are a British farmer. Why have you rebuilt your house in the Roman style?
- 2 What changes have you made to the building?
- 3 How much has your farming changed?
- 4 What has stayed the same?
- 5 What does the farm provide for you and your family?
- 6 What would you still need to buy which you could not produce?

## Fulvius' story



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	Rearing livestock

#### Homework

Write your own story like Fulvius'

- Good: if you include an overview of a countryside villa and facts about activities which took place in the countryside
- Better: if you can describe the countryside villa in detail and the types of activities which took place in detail
- Best: if you can explain what the features of the countryside villa were in detail, and the ways in which life in the countryside was pleasant due to the lifestyle