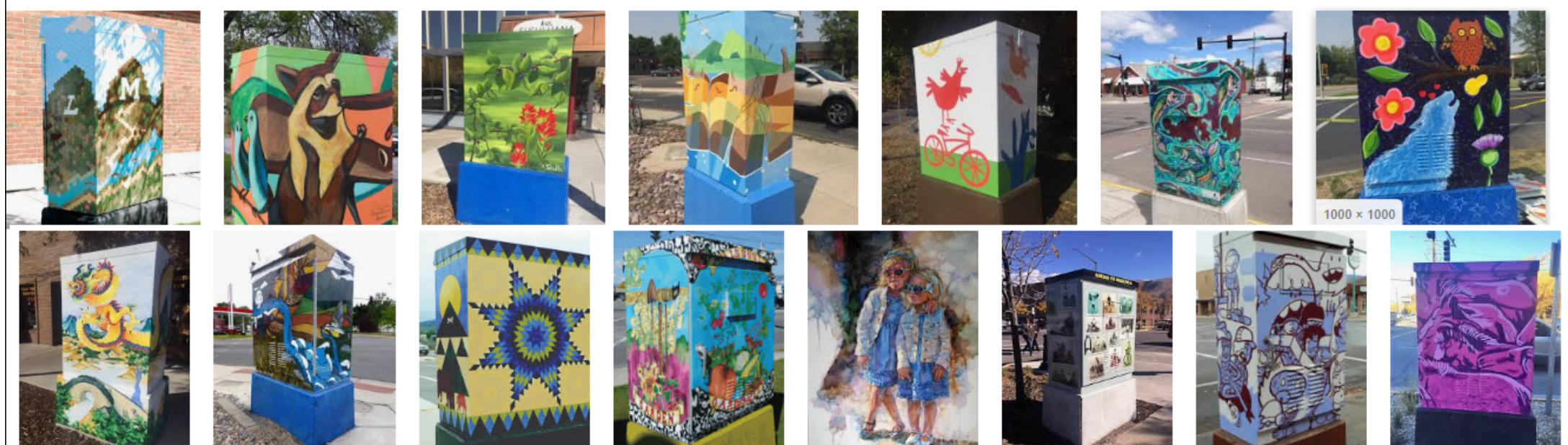


## 1.2 WHY ROMAN EMPIRE COLLAPSED

- **Political Instability:** Rome never figured out how to choose new leaders in a peaceful way. People physically fought for the crown or the emperor's private army chose who the next leader would be.
- **Economic & Social Problems:** citizens had to pay heavy taxes. This hurt their economy, made people poorer & caused trade to suffer, Corruption was a huge issue (illegal actions of the government), leaders wasted a lot of money, crime made life unsafe, & people lost their sense of loyalty (lack of citizenship).\_  
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- **Weakening Frontiers:** The Empire was so large that it made it hard to defend from enemies.

## 1.3 Roman Art

- Ancient Roman Art: **Mosaics, murals, frescoes (3D), cameos, glass blowing, statues/sculptures, gem cutting, metalwork.**
- Influences on modern life: **Jewelry (wedding rings), welded art, statues (Liberty), crowns w/ jewels, murals at restaurants (Café Dolche), paintings on electrical boxes, mosaics at the airport.**



## 1.4 Roman Architecture & Engineering

Architectural & engineering achievements: **Aqueducts, vaults, domes, cathedrals, arches, stadium. Made concrete out of stone & water to design roads, bridges.**

Influences on modern life: **Churches, football stadiums, capitol buildings, banks, highways, freeways, canals**







## 1.5 Language & Writing

Difference between Latin & English alphabet: **Latin has 23 letters, & all CAPS**

Roman Numerals:

**1= I    5=V    1,000=M**  
**2= II    10=X**  
**3= III    50=L**  
**4=IV    100=C (Century)**

Influences on modern life: **Proverbs, prefix, roots, clocks, calendars**





## 1.6 Philosophy, Law, Citizenship

What were the most important ideas in Roman philosophy, law, & citizenship:

Philosophy **Live in a way that agrees w/ nature, have good moral character**

Law **Natural law=everyone has certain rights**

Citizenship **Romans had full rights & responsibilities in government & society**

Affects on modern life? **Today we call someone who bears pain & suffering a “STOIC”.**

**In the US, all citizens have basic rights that can't be taken away & they are protected by the Constitution.**

