

***rūmōniz**

Runic: ᚱ ᚢ ᚦ ᚦ ᚢ ᚢ ᚢ

Pronunciation: /'ru:mo:niz/

noun · masculine · i-stem

Meanings

a Roman

Etymology

Back-formed from the plural *Rūmōnīz, from Latin Rōmānī, itself the plural of Rōmānus.

At the time of borrowing, *ō was still pronounced as a more open vowel ā, probably /ɔː/. Since Proto-Germanic did not possess a long *ō at that time, the closest vowel to the Latin ō was Proto-Germanic *ū. Therefore, the word was probably borrowed from Latin as *Rūmāniz. At that time, Proto-Germanic had not yet completed the full shift from ā to ō, since the shift affected this loanword as well when it did occur, changing *Rūmāniz to *Rūmōniz. This provides evidence that the shift occurred around or shortly after the first contact between Romans and Germanic tribes, which cannot have been later than the Battle of Noreia in 112 BCE.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	rūmōniz	rūmōnīz
Acc.	rūmōnĭ	rūmōninz
Gen.	rūmōnīz	rūmōnijô
Dat.	rūmōnī	rūmōnimaz
Inst.	rūmōnī	rūmōnimiz
Voc.	rūmōni	rūmōnīz

Descendants

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