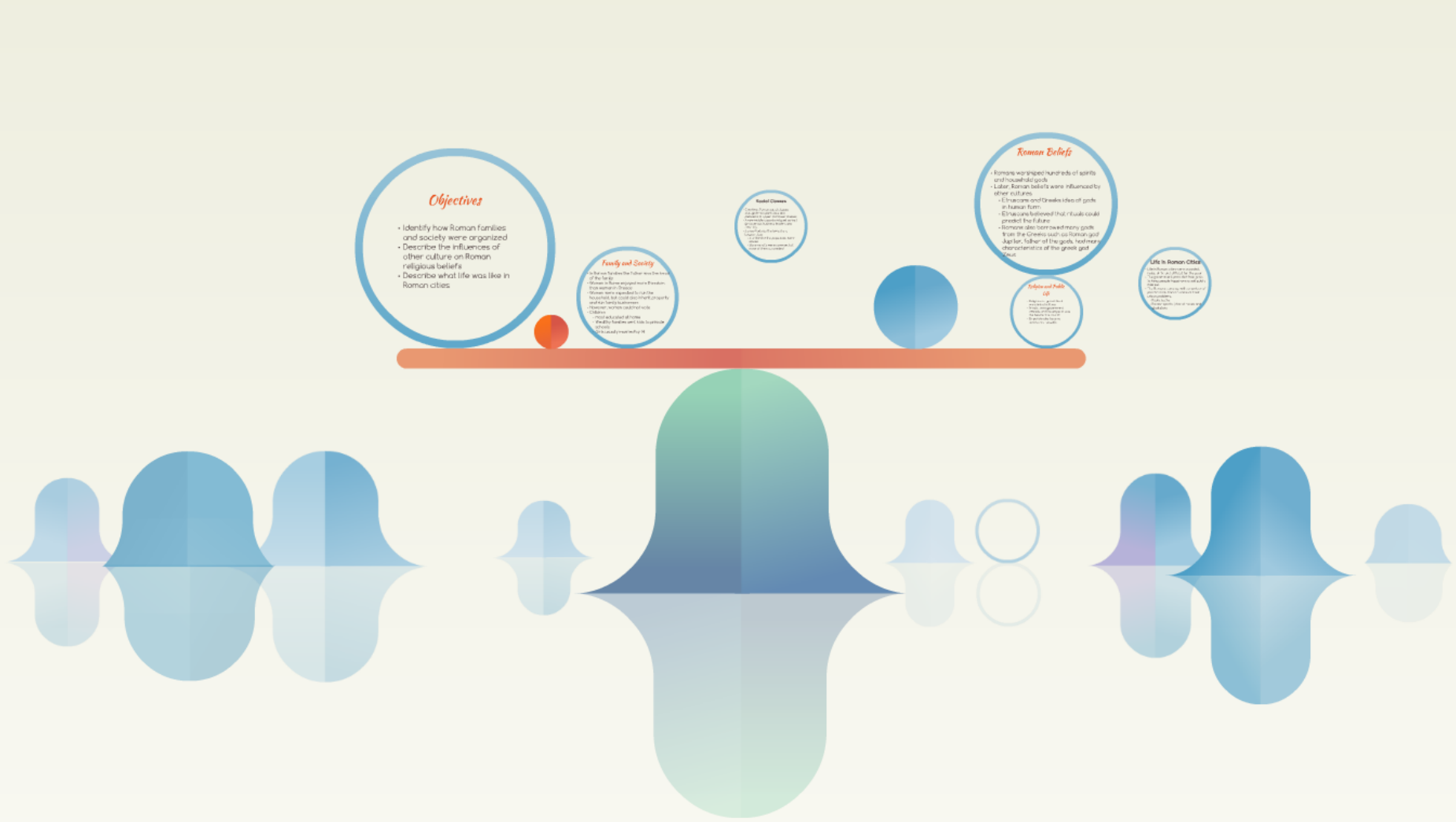
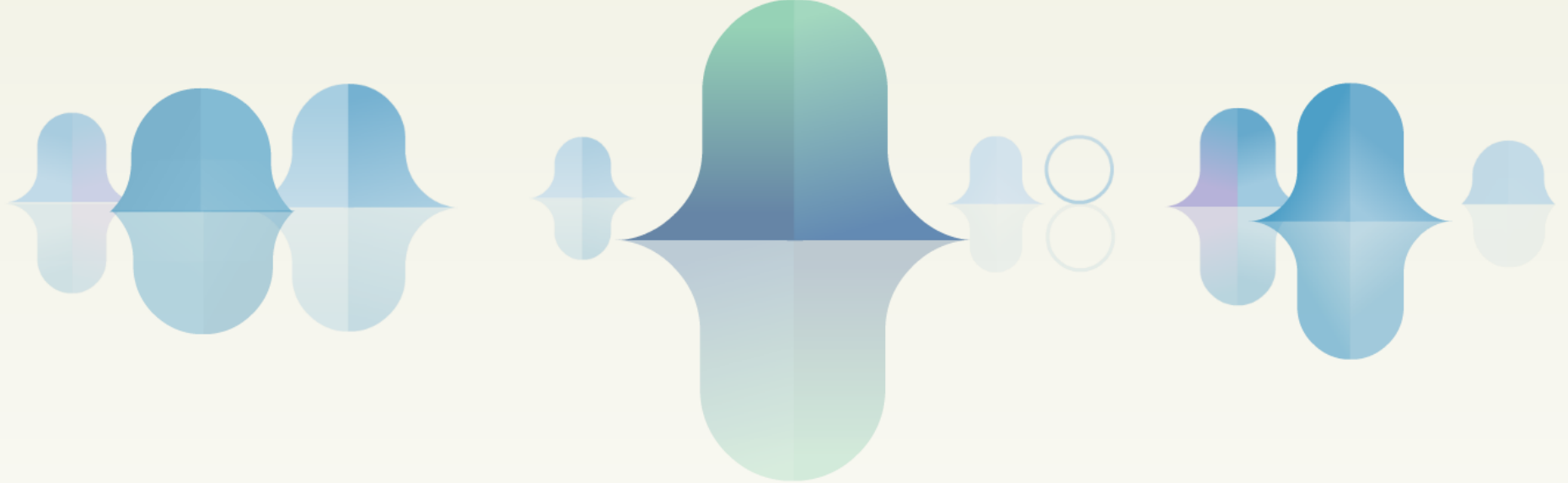
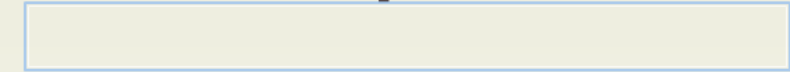


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Objectives

- Identify how Roman families and society were organized
- Describe the influences of other culture on Roman religious beliefs
- Describe what life was like in Roman cities

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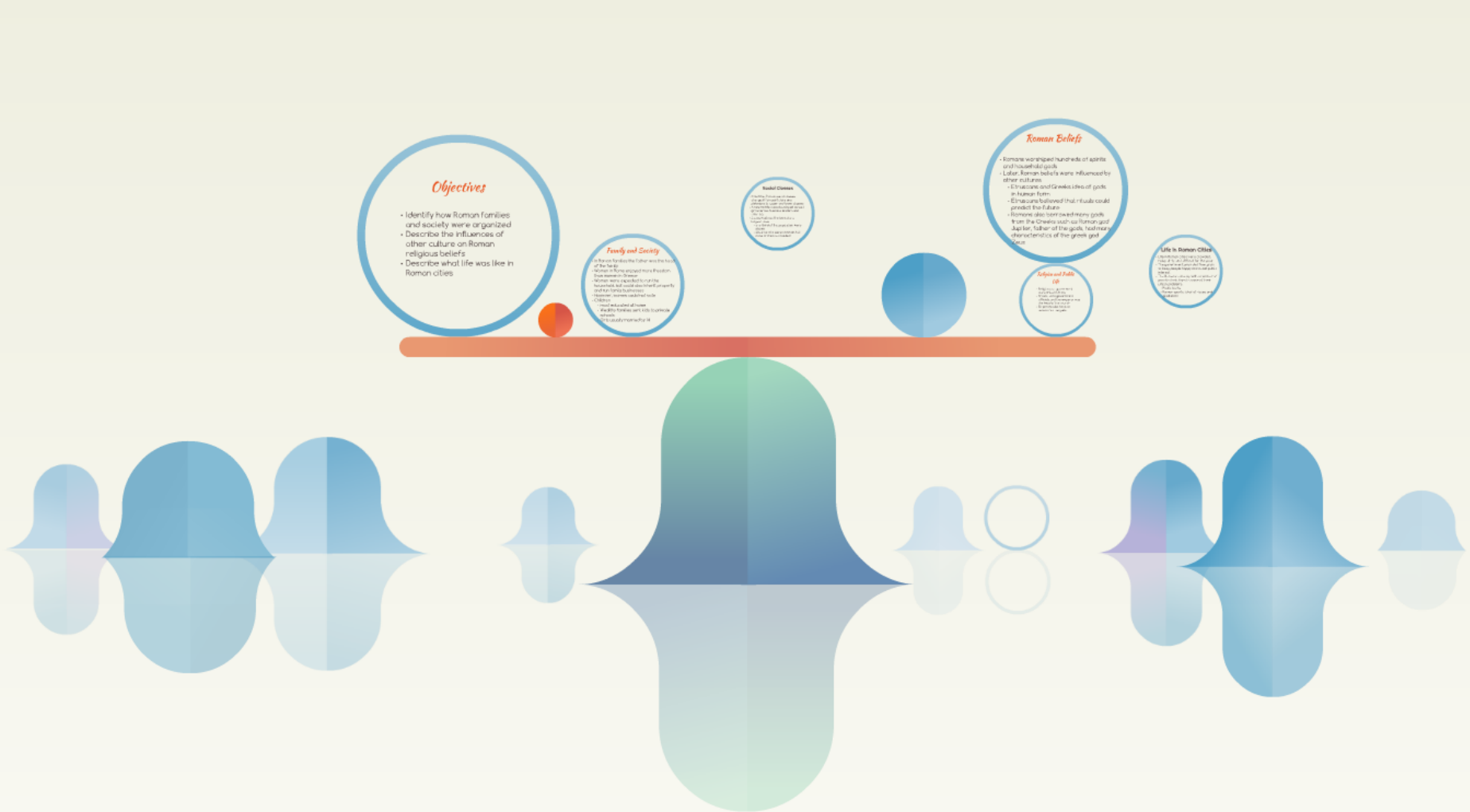
Family and Society

- In Roman families the father was the head of the family
- Women in Rome enjoyed more freedom than women in Greece
- Women were expected to run the household, but could also inherit property and run family businesses
- However, women could not vote
- Children
 - most educated at home
 - Wealthy families sent kids to private schools
 - Girls usually married by 14

Social Classes

- Overtime, Roman social classes changed from patricians and plebeians to upper and lower classes
- A new middle class developed as well (prosperous business leaders and officials)
- Slaves made up the lowest and largest class
 - one-third of the population were slaves
 - Slave revolts were common, but none of them succeeded

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Roman Beliefs

- Romans worshiped hundreds of spirits and household gods
- Later, Roman beliefs were influenced by other cultures
 - Etruscans and Greeks idea of gods in human form
 - Etruscans believed that rituals could predict the future
 - Romans also borrowed many gods from the Greeks such as Roman god Jupiter, father of the gods, had many characteristics of the greek god Zeus

Religion and Public Life

- Religion and government were linked in Rome
- Priests were government officials, and the emperor was the head of the church
- Emperors also became considered as gods

Life in Roman Cities

- Life in Roman cities were crowded, noisy, dirty, and difficult for the poor
- The government provided free grain to keep people happy and avoid public interest
- The Romans came up with a number of practical solutions to some of their urban problems
 - Public baths
 - Roman sports (chariot races and gladiators)

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