

Our History • The Romans in Britain

Key Learning Question: Was the Roman invasion a good or bad thing for Britain?



Crucial Knowledge

We are getting better at investigating the past:

- The Romans, from Italy, had a vast empire across the world.
- The Romans first invaded Britain in 55 BC but did not successfully take over.
- The Romans did conquer Britain in 43 AD and it became part of their Empire for approximately 400 years.
- Londinium first became a city when the Romans arrived.
- The Romans built, road, forts, bridges and walls in their cities.
- Britain was occupied by native tribes of Celts ruled by Queen Boudicca.
- The Celts followed Pagan religions before the Romans brought Christianity to Britain.
- People moved to Roman Britain from across the Empire including from Europe and Africa.

We are getting better at interpreting the past:

- Big Ideas:** Chronology • Invasion • Civilization
• Empire • Conflict • Conquest • Religion • Tribe
• City (of London) • Technology and Evolution



Important People & Places



Emperor Claudius

The Roman Emperor who mounted a successful invasion of Britain in 43 AD (Julius Caesar had tried in 55 BC but the Romans had not been able to stay and take over).



Queen Boudicca

Queen of the Iceni Tribe— the Iron Age Celts who occupied part of Britain during the early Roman period. She led a rebellion in 60 AD, during which Londinium was reduced to ashes.



Ivory Bangle Woman

Her name is unknown, but this wealthy Roman woman who travelled to Britain from North Africa demonstrates that Britain was multi-racial even in Roman times.



Key Vocabulary

We are getting better at communicating historically

invade: To enter a country or region in order to occupy or take it over

conquer: Take control of a place or people by force

Celts: A group of people who lived across much of Europe from the Bronze Age

empire: An extensive group of states or countries with a single ruler

native: Person born in a particular place

Londinium: The name the Romans gave the city which turned into London

tribe: Families or communities living together in a group with a common culture.

We Are Building Our Knowledge From

- Stone Age to Iron Age (Y3)

This will help when we learn about

- Vikings and Anglo Saxons (Y5)



Timeline

We are getting better at chronology

509 BC	125 BC	55 BC	43 AD	60 AD	122 AD	400 AD
Roman Republic created	Romans take over southern France	Romans invade Britain for first time	Romans successfully conquer Britain	Queen Boudicca leads a Celt rebellion	Romans build Hadrian's Wall	Roman rule in Britain ends (as the Roman Empire collapses)