

Rotten Romans

empire	A group of countries controlled by one ruler.
conquer	To take control by force.
legion	A large section of the Roman army, made up of 5000 soldiers.
invader	To enter a country to take it over.
legacy	Something left over from a civilisation.
excavate	To dig up and record archaeological remains
archaeology	The study of the lives of people in the past
amphitheatre	A round, open building surrounded by seats to view sports, entertainment and dramatics.

Invasion and settlement

Fact 2: The Romans invaded Britain in AD 43 and settled and ruled the country for almost 400 years until AD 410.

The Romans launched three separate campaigns to try and conquer Britain. The first two invasions were led by the famous Roman general Julius Caesar. The third and final invasion was planned and led by Aulus Plautius. The Romans chose to invade Britain due to its wealth of resources such as animals, wood and farming land.



Boudicca and the Celts

Fact 4: The Celts lived in Britain before the Romans invaded. Many agreed to obey Roman laws, but Queen Boudicca chose to fight them in AD 60.

At first, Boudicca's tribe allied themselves to the Romans but this changed when Boudicca's husband died. In his will, her husband had left part of his land to Boudicca and their children but the Roman tax collectors instead seized it all. Boudicca objected and led her people in revolt.



Legacy

Fact 5: The Romans made a lasting and significant mark on everyday life in Britain: they invented or introduced many things 2000 years ago which still influence our lives today.

The Romans established themselves in Britain and developed paved, straight roads, cities made from brick and stone buildings and infrastructure such as sewage. They also influenced written and spoken language, the measurement system, technology and religion.



What is a source?

A primary source is something that gives a first-hand account from the period of history.

A secondary source describes an event after the period of history, using primary sources as evidence.

Historians evaluate the 'degree of reliability' of a source.

BBC Romans



Horrible Histories

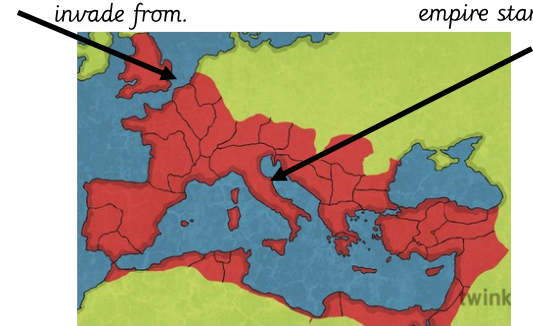


Where in the World?

Fact 1: The Romans were a group of people who belonged to the Roman Empire. The city of Rome, in Italy, was the centre of this empire.

This is where Caesar tried to invade from.

This is Rome, where the empire started.



This map shows how much of the continent was ruled by the Roman Empire at the height of their power.

The Roman Army

Fact 3: The Roman Empire was very powerful, with a huge army, which they used to fight people and increase the amount of land over which they ruled.

In AD 44, The Romans captured Colchester. It is the first fortress in Roman Britain and made the capital city in AD 49. In AD 61, Queen Boudicca led a rebellion against the Romans. 20 year old men could join the army but had to stay for 25 years and could not marry. However, lots of boys joined because it paid well and you got a gift of land when you retired.



Timeline of important events:

55 BC Julius Caesar attempted to extend the empire to Britain but the Celts fought him back.

54 BC Julius Caesar made a second, more successful attempt. However problems in Gaul forced them to leave.

AD 43 The new emperor, Claudius, successfully invaded Britain.

AD 60 The Celts, led by Boudicca, tried to resist the Roman invasions but they eventually lost.

AD 122 The emperor Hadrian ordered that a wall be built to protect the Romans land.

AD 410 The end of the Roman Empire in Britain.



BC AD

