

56 BC – 410 AD

Timeline

753 B.C.	56 B.C.	27 B.C.	40 AD	43 AD	61 AD	122 AD	410 AD
Rome was founded	Julius Caesar attempts to invade Britain	Rome becomes an empire	Caligula attempts to invade Britain	Invasion ordered by Claudius is successful	Iceni revolt led by Boudicca in Britain	Hadrian's Wall built to separate Scotland and England	Roman's leave Britain

Key Vocabulary

Celts	Tribes in Europe identified by their use of Celtic languages and cultural similarities.
Client Kingdom/State	Kingdoms or states where a ruler kept power in exchange for declaring loyalty to Rome, including by providing tribute and soldiers
Conquer	Overcome and take control by military force
Corrupt	Acting dishonestly in return for money or personal gain.
Empire	An extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single ruler or country/ state
Emperor	A ruler of an empire
Fort	A defensive building using for a strategic position
Forum	A public square or marketplace in Roman times used for business and legal matters
Latin	The language of ancient Rome and its empire - widely used in scholarship and administration
Pre-History	The period of time before written records
Rebellion	The action or process of resisting authority or control.
Tribute	Payment made periodically by one state or ruler to another as a sign of dependence

Key Questions

- What was Britain like before the Roman's invaded?
- Why did the Roman's find it difficult to conquer Britain?
- Why did the Romans want to invade Britain?
- Who was Boudicca and what did she do?
- Why did the Iceni revolt fail?
- What impact did the Romans have on Britain?
- Can you name 3 things that the Roman's brought to Britain?
- What problems did Rome face towards the end of their empire?

Famous Figures

Julius Caesar (100 B.C. – 44 B.C.)

His defining moment was when he crossed the Rubicon, a river that bordered Rome, and led an army into Rome to take over the government. He invaded Britain twice but did not set up any forts.

Claudius (10 B.C. – 54 AD)

Led to the successful invasion of Britain and was responsible for building lots of new roads and aqueducts throughout the Empire.

Caligula (12 AD – 41 AD)

Led a failed invasion of Britain. Directed much of his attention to ambitious construction projects and public works to benefit Rome's ordinary citizens.

Boudica (30 AD – 60/61 AD)

Queen of the Iceni tribe who led a failed uprising against the conquering forces of the Roman Empire.