

History - Ruthless Romans

Key People

Julius Caesar - roman emperor who led the first two unsuccessful invasions.

Emperor Claudius - successfully invaded Britain in CE43.

Emperor Hadrian - built a wall to control the northern most border of the Roman empire.

Queen Boudicca - led a revolt against the Roman invaders.

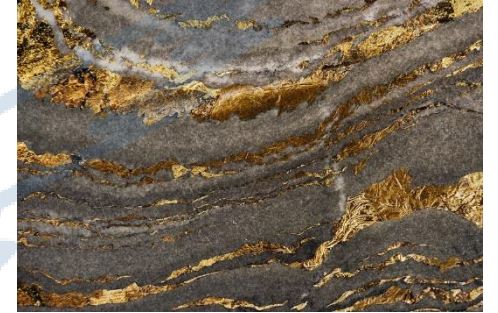
Why did the Romans invade?

Many Romans believed Britain to be the edge of the world. To capture these lands would surely be to conquer the world. Perhaps the real reason was that Britain was reported to be rich in gold and silver.

Why do you think the Romans invaded?

The Roman Army

At its largest, the Roman army had over 300,000 men which was divided into units called legions. Each legion had over 5,000 foot soldiers, or legionaries, organised into groups of 80, known as centuries. These centuries were controlled by a soldier called a centurion. **What other types of soldiers were in the Roman army?**



Can you draw your own Roman soldier?



GLADIUS



PUGIO

Roman weapons

The Roman soldiers used a variety of **weapons** including a pugio (dagger) and a gladius (sword). The soldiers were trained to fight with their **weapons** and practiced on a regular basis. They would sometimes spar with each other using wooden swords.

What other weapons do you think a Roman Soldier used?

Boudicca's Revolt

Boudicca was the wife of King Prasutagus of the Iceni tribe. After his death she led 200,000 soldiers in revolt against 10,000 Roman soldiers. It didn't end well for Boudicca.

Can you use the internet to find out some more information about Boudicca's revolt?



Key Dates

Year	Key Events
55 BCE	Julius Caesar first invades Britain but soon withdraws.
43 CE	Claudius successfully invades Britain.
50 CE	London (<u>Londinium</u>) founded.
61 CE	Boudicca leads the <u>Iceni</u> tribe in revolt against the Romans.
122 CE - 128 CE	Emperor Hadrian builds a wall on the Scottish border.
140 CE	Romans conquer Scotland.
401 CE - 410 CE	Romans withdraw from Britain.



Roman Empire

The Roman Empire stretched from the middle east, through North Africa and Europe, all the way to Scotland.

Can you guess which place on the map is the capital of the whole Roman Empire?



Roman Numerals.

The Romans didn't have numbers like we do today, they used to use combinations of different letters I, V, X, L, C, D and M.

Can you find out how to write your age in Roman Numerals?

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Hadrian's Wall

Hadrian's Wall was the largest structure in the Roman Empire and an impressive feat of engineering. It was 120km long, stretching right across the country between the rivers Tyne and Solway. Building began in 122CE and took about 6 years to complete. What other information can you find out about Hadrian's Wall?

Roman Food

The Romans ate lots of the things that we eat today. However, they also ate some things that we wouldn't dream of eating.

Key Vocabulary

Legionary - Roman soldier

Century - Group of 80 Roman legionaries

Centurion - soldier in charge of a century

Gladius - Roman sword

Pugio - Roman dagger



Can you see if you can find out what they might have been?

Roman Numerals.

I = 1 X = 10 C = 100
V = 5 L = 50 D = 500
M = 1000