

I already know...

History can be divided into two parts - within living memory and beyond living memory.

Vocabulary

invaders - people who use force to enter a place and take over, usually with an army.

settlers - people who go to live in a place, with the aim of staying there permanently.

empire - a group of territories ruled by one single ruler or state.

emperor - a ruler who has total control of a country or region.

legionaries - Roman citizens who were soldiers in the army.

auxiliaries - non-Roman citizens (from countries that the Romans had conquered) who were soldiers in the army.

Celts - the name we now give to a group of people who lived in Britain before the Romans invaded. The Romans called them **Britons**.

Boudica - a queen of the ancient British Iceni tribe who led an unsuccessful revolt against the Romans. Her name can be pronounced in two ways: *boe-di-see-a* or *boo-dik-a*.

revolt - when a person or group refuse to accept the rules and power of another person or group. Usually, a violent attempt is made to change the situation.

Key Facts

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

Sources

We can use these sources to find out about the Roman invasion and life in Roman Britain:



historical sites



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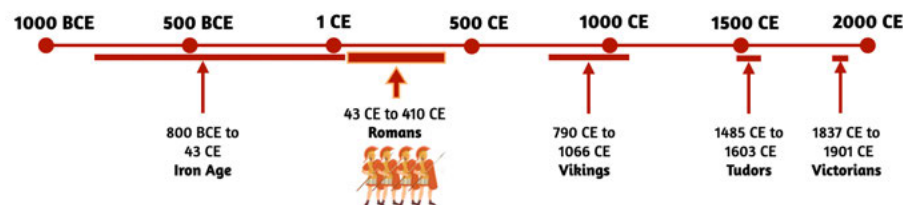
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British History Timeline

Before the Romans invaded, Britain was home to a group of people who we now call the Celts. The Romans called them Britons. During the Iron Age, between 750 BCE and 12 CE, the Celts were one of the most powerful groups of people in Europe.



The Romans invaded Britain in 43 CE. They then settled and ruled the country for almost 400 years, until 410 CE.

Enquiry questions

- What was life in Britain like before the Romans invaded?
- Why did the Romans invade Britain?
- Do you think Boudica was right to fight for her people, despite the outcome?
- What was daily life like for people in Roman Britain?
- Can you think of some examples of how the Romans have influenced our lives today?

Enquiry skills

Compare and contrast the views of Boudica's actions from different viewpoints:

Boudica is a strong, courageous warrior. I admire her for standing up for her people.

Boudica is a wild, deranged mad-woman! She needs to understand that the Celts are no longer in charge.