

Hyde Park Junior School - History

Topic: The Celts and Romans in Britain

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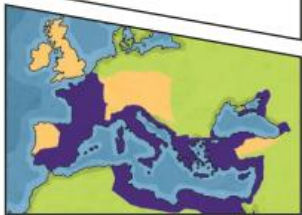
Strand: Invasions

Enquiry Question: What affect did the Roman invasion have on the lives of the British people?

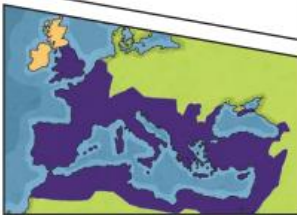
Key Vocabulary

Celts	People who lived in Britain before the Romans invaded.
Iceni	A tribe of Celts who lived in SE Britain and who revolted against Roman rule.
Boudicca	The leader of the Iceni.
Empire	A group of countries under one rule.
The Roman Empire	The name used for the land controlled by the Romans including parts of Europe, Middle East and North Africa.
Picts	Celtic tribes who lived in what is now modern day Scotland.
Legion	A section of the Roman army made up of 5000 soldiers
Legionary	A Roman soldier.
revolt	To revise up and fight against a government.
invasion	To enter a country by force to take control.
Latin	The common language of the Roman empire

Map showing the Roman Empire in 44 BC

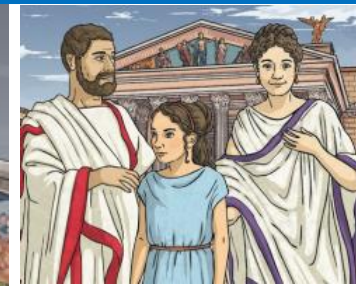


Map showing the Roman Empire in AD 305



Key Information

- The Celts is a modern term which describes the many tribes that lived in Europe during the Iron Age.
- It is thought that The Celts first arrived in Britain around 1000BC.
- The Roman Empire was founded in 27BC from the Roman Republic which conquered much of Europe.
- After failing the first time in 55BC, the Romans successfully invaded in 43AD lead by Emperor Claudius.
- The Romans built many towns and roads while they were in Britain.
- The Romans built Hadrian's Wall on the border with Scotland to keep the Scots and Picts at bay.
- By AD 388 the Roman Empire was beginning to struggle, and the Romans began to withdraw from Britain.



Celtic Life

Hillforts- Towns and villages were built on top of hills and fortified to protect them from enemy tribes.

Houses - Walls made of stone or wood. A straw roof. Wattle and daub (sticks and mud/dung) for the inside of the walls.

Art – The Celts were skilled metal workers and designs like Celtic knot are instantly recognisable.

Beliefs – The Celts were Pagans and believed in many different gods.

Society- The Celts had several distinct groups headed by the tribe leader and elite warriors followed by the druids.

Roman Life

Towns – The Romans lived in well-organised towns with many amenities including theatres, shops, and bathhouses.

Houses – Houses were built of stone, and some even had an early form of central heating.

Art – Buildings were often decorated with mosaics.

Beliefs – Early Romans were Pagan and believed in many different gods. They later converted to Christianity.

Society- Roman society had strict levels with the emperor at the top.

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Questions	Start of unit:	End of unit:
1. Where did the Roman empire originate?		
2. Why did the Romans invade Britain?		
3. Who was Boudicca and why did she fight against the Romans?		
4. What was the impact of the Celts on Britain?		
5. Name two famous Roman Emperors.		
6. What was the impact of the Romans on Britain?		
7. What Gods did the Romans worship and why?		