

Romans Knowledge Organiser

Key knowledge

- ✓ Roman empire started in Rome, Italy.
- ✓ Roman Empire spread across modern day Italy to countries in Europe, Africa and Asia.
- ✓ Rome became so powerful because of the strength of its army. Soldiers were well trained; they had the best weapons and the best armour.
- ✓ Julius Caesar first invaded Britain in 55BC. He took 10,000 men with him. It took more than one attempt to successfully invade Britain.
- ✓ The Celts did not want to live under Roman rule and fought hard to defend their land and properties.
- ✓ The Romans wanted Britain's precious metals.
- ✓ Boudicca lived in Britain around the time of the Roman invasion. She attempted to defy the Romans, who seized her property.
- ✓ Emperor Hadrian built a wall on the Scottish border. It was designed to stop tribes in Scotland attacking England.
- ✓ Romans built new forts, new settlements and roads. They built aqueducts to supply towns with water from springs, lakes or rivers. They spread their culture, language and laws.
- ✓ Romans gave us new towns, plants, animals and ways of reading and counting. Even the word 'Britain' came from the Romans.
- ✓ The Romans stayed in Britain from 43 AD to 410 AD (367 years).

BIG Questions

When did the Romans conquer Britain?

Who was Julius Caesar?

How did the Romans change life in Britain after the conquest?

How was the Roman Empire built?

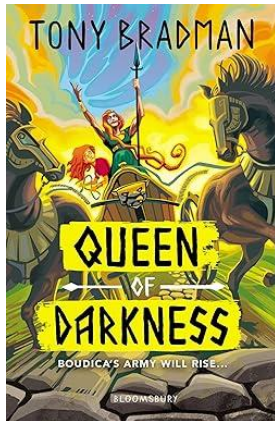
What was life like in Roman Britain?

What is Rome like and how does it compare to the UK?

Key Vocabulary

amphitheatre	A place like a stadium, where Romans went to watch animals and people fighting.
aqueduct	A man-made channel to take water from one place to another, it was often be in the form of a bridge that carries the water.
Boudicca	Queen of Iceni Tribe.
Celts	The people of southern Britain who were living in round houses and small settlements near to their farms when the Romans invaded.

Our text



Key dates

- 753 BC - Rome is founded by Romulus.
- 55 BC Julius Caesar attempts to invade Britain.
- 27 BC - Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor.
- 43 AD - Roman invasion of Britain.
- 50 AD - London is founded.
- 60 AD - Boudica.
- 80 AD - Colosseum is built in Rome.
- 122 AD - Hadrian's Wall was built.
- 312 AD - Christianity becomes official religion of Roman Empire.
- 410 AD - Last Romans leave Britain.

centurion	An officer commanding about 80 legionaries.
chariot	Cart with two wheels pulled by horses. Romans raced chariots, and Celtic warriors rode into battle on them.
colosseum	A famous Amphitheatre in Rome. It could seat as many as 75000 people.
conquest	Taking control of a place by force, often with an army.
Emperor	The ruler of an empire.
empire	A group of countries that have been taken over and are ruled by one person or country.
invasion	To enter as an enemy, by force, to take control.
Julius Caesar	Roman military general who invaded Britain.
legion	A division of 3,000 - 6,000 men and cavalry in a Roman army.
legionary	A soldier in a Roman legion.
mosaic	Picture or patterns made of small tiles. They were used to decorate walls or floors in Roman buildings.
rebellion	A fight against the ruler.
republic	A country without a king, queen or emperor. The Roman republic was ruled by the elected Senate. Most countries today are republics.
revolt	To rise up and fight against a government.
senate	The Roman government, made up of senators.
toga	Garment woven from white wool.