

The Roman Invasion

Timeline of Key Events

August 55 BC	Julius Caesar attempted to invade Britain for the first time. They had an advantage but the weather meant they had to leave.
July - August 54 BC	Julius Caesar attempted to invade Britain for the second time. They were again unsuccessful.
44 BC	Julius Caesar is murdered in Rome
43 AD	Emperor Claudius organized the final and successful Roman invasion of Britain.
50 AD	London (Londinium) is founded.
61 AD	Boudicca leads the Iceni in revolt against the Romans
70 AD	The Romans conquer Wales and the North
76 AD	The Emperor Hadrian is born
80 AD	The Colosseum of Rome is built
122-128 AD	Emperor Hadrian builds a wall on the Scottish border
140 AD	The Romans conquer Scotland
306 AD	Constantine the Great declared Emperor at York
401 - 410 AD	The Romans withdraw from Britain: Anglo-Saxon migrants begin to settle



Hadrian's wall



Aquae Sulis (Bath)

Londinium (London)

Roman Britain was a province of the Roman Empire from 43BC to 409AD. Before the invasions the tribes of Britain had already established cultural and economic links with continental Europe, but the Roman invaders introduced new developments in agriculture, urbanisation, industry, and architecture. After the initial rebellions of Caratacus and Boudicca, the Romans controlled the lands south of Hadrian's Wall in relative peace & a distinctively Romano British culture developed. From 400AD Britain suffered repeated attacks from barbarian invasions and in c. 409 Roman officials departed. Over the next 150 years most of the Roman cities fell into ruins, nevertheless, the legacy of Roman rule was felt for many centuries.

Key Vocabulary

Britannia	The Roman name for Britain
Occupy	Control by a certain ruling power over a territory which is not under the formal sovereignty of that entity
Empire	A group of countries that are controlled by one ruler
Conquer	Take control of a place by fighting
Invasion	Invading a country or region with an armed force.
Rebellion	An act of armed resistance to an established government or leader
Forum	A Roman town square
Aqueduct	A structure, like a bridge, used to carry water
Centurion	Roman army officer
Amphitheatre	Roman open air stadium

What should I already know?

The Stone Age was when early humans used tools from stone. This lasted until the Bronze Age. The Bronze Age began when **settlers** arrived from Europe to Britain. These **settlers** brought with them ways of making tools from metal (bronze). The Iron Age lasted from 800 BC till the Roman invasion (AD 43). This was when people used tools made from iron.

