

The Romans in Britain

HISTORICAL CONTEXT



KEY VOCABULARY

- Amphitheatre** 1 Where the Romans would go to be entertained.
- Celts** 2 People living in Britain and some parts of Europe after the Iron Age.
- Centurion** 3 A commander of a century in the Roman Army.
- Emperor** 4 The leader of an empire. Similar to a King or Queen.
- Empire** 5 Controlled from Rome, the Empire included most of Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa.
- Invasion** 6 One country attacking another to take it over.
- Legion** 7 One unit of the Roman army; had 4,000 to 6,000 soldiers in. Lead by a Centurion.
- Mosaic** 8 One picture made up of thousands of small tiles.
- Senate** 9 The Roman government.
- Temple** 10 A place of worship. A house of a Roman god or goddess.
- Villa** 11 A type of Roman country house.

KEY PEOPLE, PLACES & PERIODS

- Boudicca** 1 Saxon Queen who fought back against the Romans.
- Julius Caesar** 2 Famous Roman leader who attempted to invade Britain.
- Colchester** 3 The Roman capital until it was destroyed under Boudicca's rebellion.
- Emperor Claudius** 4 First Roman emperor to successfully invade Britain.
- Cleopatra** 5 Wife of Julius Caesar, late Egyptian ruler.
- Hadrian's Wall** 6 A wall built by the Roman Emperor to stop Scottish rebels from attacking.
- Londinium** 7 The Roman name for London.
- Paulinus** 8 Roman governor (ruler) of Britain in AD60.
- Rome** 9 A city which spawned an Empire which stretched across Europe and North Africa.
- Romulus and Remus** 10 Mythical twin brothers, and founders of Rome.
- Constantine** 11

KEY EVENTS

- 753BC** 1 Rome is founded by Romulus
- 55BC** 2 Julius Caesar attempts first invasion of Britain
- 27BC** 3 Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor
- 43AD** 4 Roman invasion of Britain
- 50AD** 5 London is founded
- 60AD** 6 Boudicca rebels
- 80AD** 7 Colosseum is built in Rome
- 112AD** 8 Hadrian's Wall is built
- 312AD** 9 Christianity becomes official religion of Roman Empire
- 410AD** 10 Last Romans leave Britain

