

Year 4 History Assessment: Life in Roman Britain

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.

Read each question carefully before writing your answer. Ensure you use full sentences for longer responses. You have plenty of space to show what you have learnt about Roman life.

Ellie the elephant has been studying history! She discovered that in 43 AD, the Romans, led by Emperor Claudius, arrived in Britain. They changed how people lived by building straight roads, grand towns, and public bathhouses. Many people in Britain started to live in stone houses with beautiful floors made of colourful tiles.

Word bank: Centurion · Aqueduct · Mosaic · Villa · Emperor · Legion · Baths · Invaded

1. In what year did the Roman army first successfully invade Britain? (1 mark)

2. Name two things the Romans built in Britain that changed the way people travelled or kept clean. (2 marks)

3. Explain why the Romans built such straight roads across the country. How did this help the Roman army? (3 marks)

4. Look at the word 'Mosaic' in the word bank. Describe what a mosaic is and where you might find one in a Roman house. (3 marks)

5. Why was the Roman army considered so powerful? Think about their equipment and how they worked together in groups. (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are a person living in Britain when the Romans arrive. Write a short diary entry describing one change you see in your local town and how you feel about it. (5 marks)

7. The Romans brought many new foods and items to Britain. Can you name one item or food that we still use or eat today that the Romans introduced? (2 marks)

8. Why do you think the Roman Empire eventually decided to leave Britain? (Hint: Think about what was happening to the Empire far away from Britain). (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a Roman soldier's shield (scutum). Try to include the patterns and colours the Romans were famous for using.



Extension challenge: Total: /25