

Life in Roman Britain: A Historical Report

Learning objective: To use historical knowledge to write a report about the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain.

Use the writing frame below to structure your report. Remember to use formal, historical language and include facts about Roman inventions and daily life.

When the Roman legions first arrived in Britain, they brought with them new ways of building, eating, and living that would change the island forever.

Word bank: Furthermore · In addition · Consequently · However · Significantly · Archaeological evidence · Romanisation · Advanced engineering · The Empire · Centuries later

1. Introduction: Briefly explain why the Romans came to Britain and when they arrived. Start with: The Roman Empire reached Britain in AD 43 because... (2 marks)

2. Roman Engineering: Describe one major Roman invention, such as roads, aqueducts, or hypocausts. Start with: One of the most significant changes was the introduction of... (3 marks)

3. Daily Life: Explain how Roman life differed from the lives of the Iron Age Celts. Start with: Daily life for a Roman citizen in Britain often involved... (3 marks)

4. Food and Culture: Describe what the Romans introduced to British diets. Start with: The Romans introduced new foods to Britain, such as... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise the legacy of the Romans in Britain today. Start with: Even though the Romans left Britain in AD 410, we can still see their influence by... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Ellie the elephant travelling back in time to a Roman villa. Write a diary entry describing one thing you see that you have never encountered before, using at least three words from the word bank.