

Ellie's Roman Empire Explorer: Sorting the Facts

Learning objective: To identify and categorise key aspects of Roman life, technology, and governance in Britain.

Ellie the Elephant has been visiting historical sites across Britain! Look at the list of items below. Some belonged to the Romans, and some did not. Sort these into two columns in your book: 'Roman Inventions and Culture' and 'Not Roman'. Once you have sorted them, answer the questions to explain why the Romans had such a big impact on our lives today.

Word bank: Aqueducts · Modern computers · Toga · Plastic water bottles · Underfloor heating · Latin language · Space rockets · Roman roads · Gladiator arenas · Mobile phones

1. Choose one item from the 'Roman' list. Describe what it was used for and why it was helpful for people living in Roman Britain. (2 marks)

2. The Romans built a vast network of roads. Why do you think a road network was important for the Roman army to control Britain? (2 marks)

3. Ellie remembers that Romans liked to keep clean. Which invention did they use to transport fresh water into their towns? (1 mark)

4. True or False: The Romans used the same currency as we do today (the Pound Sterling). Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

5. If you were a Roman living in Britain, would you rather live in a villa with underfloor heating or a wooden roundhouse? Give one reason for your choice. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a Roman road stretching across a British landscape. Include a milestone marker and a Roman soldier walking along the path.



Extension challenge: Research a Roman site near your local area. Write three facts about what archaeologists have discovered there and share them with the class.