

A Day in the Life of a Roman Resident: Ellie's Historical Inquiry

Learning objective: To analyse the impact of Roman civilisation on Britain by investigating daily life, infrastructure, and social structures.

Imagine you have travelled back in time to Roman Britain. Use this diary entry template to record your observations. Consider the differences between life then and your life today. Use the word bank to help you include historical vocabulary in your writing.

Word bank: Centurion · Aqueduct · Villa · Mosaic · Toga · Forum · Bathhouse · Emperor · Legion · Hypocaust

1. The Setting: Describe the location where you are spending your day. Is it a bustling town or a quiet farmstead? What can you see around you? (3 marks)

2. Daily Tasks: Explain what your job is for the day. How does your role contribute to the success of the Roman settlement? (3 marks)

3. Roman Technology: Identify one piece of Roman technology (e.g. an aqueduct or hypocaust) you used today. Explain why this invention was essential for Roman citizens. (4 marks)

4. Compare and Contrast: Compare a Roman meal or social activity to one you enjoy in the present day. What are the main similarities and differences? (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why do you think the Romans were so eager to build roads and towns across Britain? Give two reasons for your opinion. (5 marks)

6. What might happen if the Roman Empire had never expanded into Britain? Consider the impact on our language, laws, and buildings. (6 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an archaeologist finding this diary 2,000 years later. Write a short 'Museum Label' (50 words) that explains to visitors what this document tells us about the life of a child in Roman Britain.