

Roman Britain: Life and Legacy

Learning objective: To understand the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain, including their social structure, technology, and lasting influence.

Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of the Roman period in Britain to provide detailed answers. Remember to use historical terminology.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about the arrival of the Romans in Britain. She is fascinated by how they changed the way people lived, from building straight roads to creating advanced heating systems. Today, we look at how life changed for the people living in Britain under Roman rule.

Word bank: Centurion · Aqueduct · Mosaic · Villa · Boudica · Hadrian's Wall · Governor

1. Explain two ways in which Roman roads improved life in Britain compared to the paths used before they arrived. (2 marks)

2. Who was Boudica, and why is she a significant figure in the history of Roman Britain? (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey has found a Roman coin worth 5 denarii. If a loaf of bread cost 1 denarius, how many loaves could he buy? Why did the Romans use a currency system throughout their empire? (2 marks)

4. Describe one purpose of Hadrian's Wall. Why did the Romans feel it was necessary to build such a structure in the north of Britain? (2 marks)

5. Look at the list of words provided. Choose two and write a sentence for each explaining how they relate to Roman daily life or military organisation. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a Roman villa. Include a hypocaust (underfloor heating) system, a colourful mosaic pattern on the floor, and a garden courtyard.



Extension challenge: Research the 'Romanisation' of Britain. Write a short paragraph explaining why some British tribes chose to adopt Roman customs, such as wearing togas or eating new foods, while others resisted.