

Class 4 Social Studies / History Assessment: Life in Roman Britain

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Roman Empire, the invasion of Britain, and the legacy of Roman civilisation.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide detailed answers. Ensure your writing is clear and uses accurate historical terminology.

Ellie the elephant has been studying Roman Britain. She has discovered that when the Romans arrived, they introduced many new inventions, changed the way cities were built, and brought new laws to the lands they occupied. However, not everyone welcomed the changes, and there were many conflicts between the Roman legions and the local tribes.

Word bank: Centurion · Aqueduct · Legion · Mosaic · Boudica · Empire · Bath · Villas

1. Identify two reasons why the Romans wanted to invade and conquer Britain. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. Name the famous queen of the Iceni tribe who led a rebellion against the Romans. Why did she choose to rebel? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Describe one major change the Romans made to the British landscape (e.g., roads, buildings, or water systems). Explain how this improved life for those living in Roman Britain. (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. What was a Roman 'Legion'? Describe the role of a Centurion within the Roman army. (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the lifestyle of a wealthy Roman living in a villa with a typical Iron Age farmer. (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. Justify why the Romans built straight roads across Britain. What evidence can we still see of these roads today? (3 marks) (3 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Imagine you are a child living in Britain in 100 AD. Write a short diary entry describing how the arrival of the Romans has changed your town. Mention at least three Roman inventions or habits you have observed. (5 marks) (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of a Roman mosaic floor pattern or a Roman aqueduct, ensuring you include at least three key architectural features.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: What might have happened to Britain if the Romans had never invaded? Would the country have developed in the same way? Explain your reasoning. Total: /25