

Ellie's Roman Empire Expedition

Learning objective: To recall and evaluate key historical facts about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.

Join Ellie the elephant as she explores the legacy of the Romans. Answer the ten questions below to test your historical knowledge. For the longer questions, use your best historical reasoning.

Answer Key: 1. A (Claudius), 2. False, 3. Mosaic, 4. B (To carry water), 5. True, 6. Centurion, 7. C (Latin), 8. True, 9. Hadrian's Wall was built to protect the northern border from raids and control movement. 10. Answers may vary, e.g., roads, central heating, or concrete.

Word bank: Centurion · Aqueduct · Mosaic · Toga · Hadrian's Wall · Invade · Empire · Latin

1. 1. Which Roman Emperor successfully led the invasion of Britain in AD 43? A) Claudius* B) Julius Caesar C) Nero D) Augustus (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Romans were the very first people to live in Britain. (1 mark)

3. 3. What decorative art, made of small coloured tiles, did the Romans use to decorate their villa floors? (1 mark)

4. 4. What was the primary purpose of a Roman aqueduct? A) To store grain B) To carry water* C) To house soldiers D) To hold chariot races (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Roman soldiers were known as legionaries. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the title of the officer who commanded a century of Roman soldiers? (1 mark)

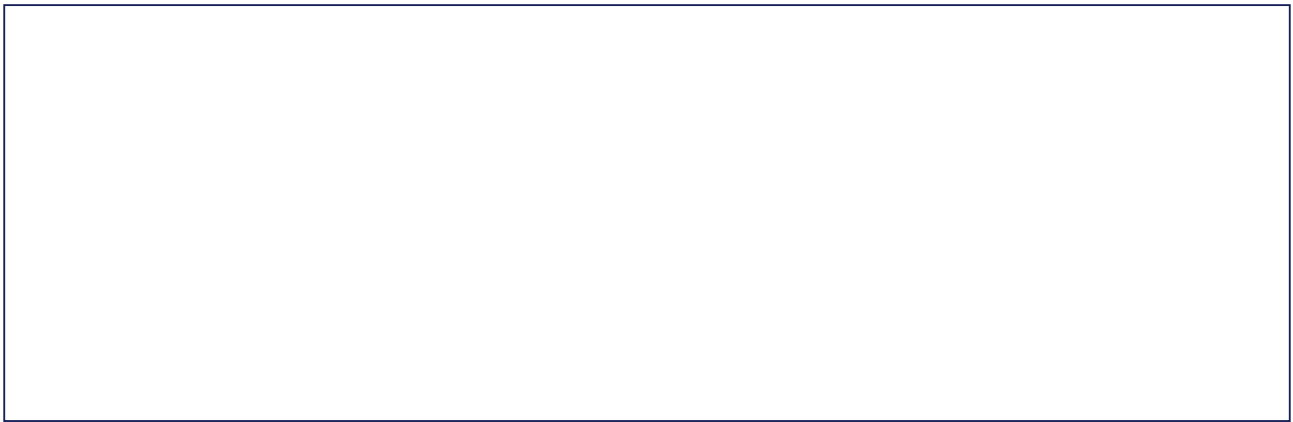
7. 7. Which language was spoken by the Romans? A) Greek B) French C) Latin* D) Italian (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: The Romans built an extensive network of straight roads across Britain. (1 mark)

9. 9. Explain why the Emperor Hadrian ordered the construction of a massive stone wall in northern Britain. (2 marks)

10. 10. Identify one Roman innovation that still influences how we live in modern Britain today. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a Roman legionary standing on duty by Hadrian's Wall, ensuring you include details like their shield (scutum) and armour (lorica segmentata).



Extension challenge: Justify your answer: If the Romans had never arrived in Britain, how might our daily lives be different today? Compare and contrast a Roman town with a modern-day British city, and explain what might happen if we lost all historical evidence of the Roman occupation.