

Year 5 History Assessment: The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain

Learning objective: To assess understanding of Roman life, the invasion of Britain, and the lasting legacy of Roman civilisation.

Read each question carefully. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided. Ensure you use historical vocabulary where appropriate.

In 43 AD, the Roman Emperor Claudius ordered his army to sail to Britain. The Romans stayed for nearly 400 years, transforming the landscape with new roads, towns, and buildings. While many British tribes resisted, the Romans brought significant changes to language, engineering, and trade that remain part of our history today.

Word bank: Legionnaire · Centurion · Aqueduct · Hadrian's Wall · Mosaic · Invade · Province · Villas

1. Identify one reason why the Romans wanted to invade Britain. (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. Name two items or technologies that the Romans brought to Britain that were not commonly used before their arrival. (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Explain the purpose of Hadrian's Wall. Who ordered it to be built and why was it considered important for the frontier? (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. Describe the daily life of a Roman soldier. Mention at least two pieces of equipment they would carry. (4 marks) (4 marks)

5. Compare a Roman town to a typical Iron Age hillfort. What were the main differences in their structure and purpose? (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. Ellie the elephant has been studying Roman history. She says, 'The Romans changed Britain forever.' Discuss this statement. Use examples of Roman influence on British roads, language, or architecture to support your argument. (6 marks) (6 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of a Roman villa, including at least one feature like a hypocaust (underfloor heating) or a mosaic floor.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Research task: Find out which modern-day British cities were founded by the Romans and list three of them.