

Life in Roman Britain: A Historical Report

Learning objective: To write a structured historical report exploring the impact of the Roman Empire on life in Britain.

Use the following prompts and word bank to build your report. Ellie the Elephant suggests focusing on how things changed for people living in Britain after the Romans arrived.

When the Roman legions first arrived on the shores of Britain, they brought with them entirely new ways of living, building, and governing that would change the landscape forever.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · in addition to · significantly · archaeological evidence · civilisation · in contrast · nevertheless · subsequently

1. The Roman Invasion: Describe why the Romans decided to invade Britain and what happened during their initial arrival. Start with: 'The Roman Empire sought to expand its influence, and consequently...' (2 marks)

2. Roman Innovations: Explain two major changes the Romans brought to Britain, such as roads, baths, or aqueducts. Start with: 'One of the most significant changes introduced by the Romans was...' (3 marks)

3. Daily Life and Culture: How did daily life change for the people already living in Britain? Start with: 'Life for the local people changed drastically because...' (3 marks)

4. The Roman Legacy: Why do we still see evidence of the Romans in Britain today? Start with: 'Even centuries later, the legacy of the Romans remains visible through...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise your findings. Start with: 'In conclusion, the Roman period was a transformative era because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific Roman artefact found in Britain (such as a coin, a piece of jewellery, or a pottery shard) and write a paragraph explaining what it tells us about Roman life.