

Roman Britain: A Journey Through History with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To consolidate knowledge of the Roman Empire, their influence on Britain, and the legacy they left behind.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of Roman history. Ellie the Elephant has carefully curated these facts to help you remember the key events and changes in Britain during the Roman occupation.

Who was the Roman Emperor that ordered the first major invasion of Britain in 43 AD?

Emperor Claudius.

What was the name of the Iceni queen who led a fierce rebellion against Roman rule?

Boudica.

What is a Roman 'legion'?

A large unit of the Roman army consisting of approximately 5,000 highly trained soldiers.

Why did the Romans build Hadrian's Wall?

It was constructed as a defensive fortification to separate the Romans from the northern tribes and to control trade and immigration.

What is an aqueduct?

A bridge-like structure designed to transport fresh water into Roman towns and cities using gravity.

What language did the Romans use for official documents and their army?

Latin.

Describe a Roman 'villa'.

A large, luxurious country house or estate, often belonging to wealthy Roman citizens or Romanised Britons.

What was the purpose of a hypocaust system?

It was an ancient Roman central heating system, usually installed under floors to warm rooms.

What is a mosaic?

A piece of art created by assembling small, coloured pieces of stone, tile, or glass to form intricate patterns or pictures.

Name one major Roman city in Britain and its original Roman name.

London (Londinium), Bath (Aquae Sulis), or York (Eboracum).

What was a centurion's role in the army?

A professional officer who commanded a century (a group of 80 soldiers) and was responsible for discipline and training.

What does it mean for Britain to be a 'province' of Rome?

It means Britain was a territory under the direct control and administration of the Roman Empire.