

Ellie's Roman Empire Expedition

Learning objective: To consolidate knowledge of Roman Britain, including societal structure, technological advancements, and the Roman invasion.

Join Ellie the elephant as she travels back in time to explore the Roman era! Read each question carefully and select or write the best answer. Good luck, historians!

Answer Key: 1. A (Julius Caesar), 2. True, 3. False (it was a defensive barrier), 4. Aqueduct, 5. Boudicca, 6. True, 7. B (Latin), 8. Mosaic, 9. 43 AD, 10. To transport water.

Word bank: Aqueduct · Centurion · Hadrian's Wall · Legion · Mosaic · Villa · Boudicca · Latin · Toga · Invade

1. Which Roman leader first attempted to invade Britain in 55 BC? A) Julius Caesar* B) Augustus C) Nero D) Claudius (1 mark)

2. True or False: Romans built straight roads to help their army travel quickly across the country. (1 mark)

3. True or False: Hadrian's Wall was built by the Romans to act as a bridge for trade. (1 mark)

4. What is the term for a bridge-like structure used to carry water into Roman towns? (1 mark)

5. Who was the famous Iceni queen who led a rebellion against the Romans? (1 mark)

6. True or False: A 'Centurion' was an officer in the Roman army. (1 mark)

7. What was the official language of the Roman Empire? A) Greek B) Latin* C) French D) Italian (1 mark)

8. What decorative floor art, made from small coloured tiles, was common in wealthy Roman villas? (1 mark)

9. In what year did Emperor Claudius successfully begin the Roman conquest of Britain? (1 mark)

10. 10. Why did the Romans consider it essential to build public bathhouses in their settlements? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a Roman villa including a mosaic floor and an aqueduct in the background. Label the different architectural features you have included.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenges: 1. Explain why the Roman road network was a significant turning point for British trade. 2. Compare and contrast the lives of a wealthy Roman living in a villa versus a local Briton living in a roundhouse. 3. Justify your answer: Was the Roman invasion of Britain more beneficial or more harmful to the local population? 4. What might have happened to British society if the Romans had never arrived? 5. Analyse the role of the Roman military in maintaining control over Britain. 6. How does the legacy of the Romans still influence the way we design towns and cities today?