The Roman Empire: A Quick Quiz with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and apply knowledge about Roman Britain, including the Romanisation of Britain, the impact of their engineering, and their legacy.

Join Ellie the Elephant on a historical journey! Read each question carefully and write your answers clearly. Some questions are multiple choice, some are true or false, and others require a short answer.

Answer Key: 1. B (43 AD), 2. True, 3. False (it was Claudius), 4. A (Aqueduct), 5. Mosaic, 6. True, 7. Hadrian's Wall, 8. B (Latin), 9. Boudica, 10. False (they were professional soldiers).

Word bank: Aqueduct · Centurion · Hadrian's Wall · Legion · Mosaic · Boudica

1. 1. In which year did the Romans launch their successful invasion of Britain? A) 55 BC, B) 43 AD*, C) 1066 AD, D) 121 AD (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Romans built a vast network of straight roads across Britain to help their army travel quickly. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Julius Caesar was the Emperor who first successfully conquered Britain in 43 AD. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the name for the Roman structure designed to transport fresh water into towns? A) Aqueduct*, B) Colosseum, C) Forum, D) Villa (1 mark)

5. 5. What decorative Roman art form was made by arranging small, coloured pieces of stone or glass? (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: The Romans introduced the use of coins to Britain, replacing the older system of bartering goods. (1 mark)

7. 7. What is the name of the famous defensive fortification built across Northern England to mark the edge of the Roman Empire? (1 mark)

8. 8. Which language did the Romans bring to Britain, which later influenced many English words? A) Greek, B) Latin*, C) French, D) German (1 mark)

9. 9. Which Iceni queen led a famous rebellion against the Romans in 60-61 AD? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Roman soldiers were all volunteers who only fought for a few weeks a year. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a Roman soldier standing next to a Roman road. Don't forget to include the detailed pattern of a mosaic floor in the corner of your drawing!

Extension challenge: Ellie the Elephant is curious about Roman money! If a loaf of Roman bread cost 2 denarii and a small jar of olive oil cost 5 denarii, how much would it cost in total if you bought 3 loaves of bread and 2 jars of oil? Show your working out.