

Year 5 Knowledge Organiser- Who stood up to the Romans?

What will I learn?

In this topic we will learn:

- who the Romans were and where they came from
- how and why they came to Britain
- what equipment and training a soldier had to make him successful
- who stood up to the Romans (in Scotland and England)



My name is Julius. Like my father, I joined the Roman army to fight the Barbarians. At the moment, I am posted at a fort just outside Londinium. Currently, our legion is fighting against the Celts. One of their tribes (the Iceni) is proving to be particularly troublesome.

Previous learning

Which other people have invaded Britain?

You should already know:

- The Stone Age and early Britain
- The Anglo-Saxons invaded Britain in 450CE
- The Vikings invaded Britain in 793CE

Vocabulary Dozen

armour	protective covering for the body, formally worn in fighting
B.C.E. and C.E.	<i>Before Common Era</i> Used to show dates before the birth of Jesus. <i>Common Era</i> Used to show dates after the birth of Jesus.
Boudicca	The leader of the Iceni tribe
conquer	defeat or overcome
emperor/empire	a man who rules an empire
formation	a special arrangement or pattern
invasion	the attack or entry into a country
legion	A division of the ancient Roman army
rebel	to fight back
sandals	a lightweight shoe with straps over the foot
soldier	member of an army
tribe	a group of families living in one area as a community ruled by a chief

Useful Weblinks



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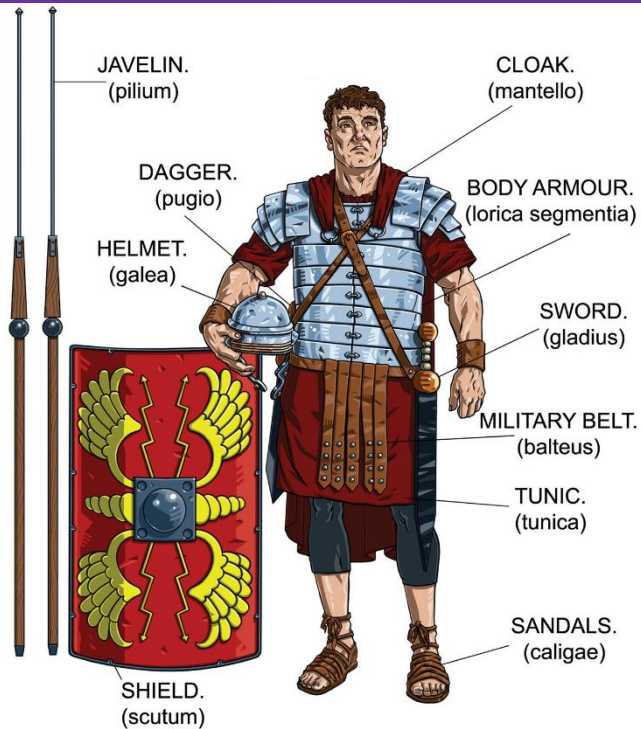
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The Romans were in Britain from 43C.E. until 410C.E.



Key Knowledge

Who were the Romans and where did they come from?	Around 2000 years ago Britain was ruled by tribes of people called the Celts, but this was about to change. For about a century, the Roman army had been building an empire across Europe. Now it was coming for Britain.
How and why did they come to Britain?	In 43CE, the Romans invaded Britain for the first time. They wanted to expand their empire by taking land and Britain's precious metals.
What equipment and training did the army have to make them successful?	Roman soldiers were well equipped with protective equipment (see picture). They had the best training and the best armour. Their training included how best to organise themselves to withstand attack from their enemies.
Who stood up to the Romans in England?	In response to the Romans raising heavy taxes and taking their land, the Celts were ready to fight back. According to legend, one leader who chose to fight was Queen Boudicca of the Iceni tribe. She raised a huge army and had some early success rebelling against the Romans. However, eventually Boudicca's army was defeated and the Romans remained in charge. It is thought that Boudicca took her own life with poison so that she didn't have to serve the Romans.
Who stood up to the Romans in Caledonia (Scotland)?	Severus was the first African emperor of Rome. He became emperor after the two previous emperors were murdered. He expanded the Roman Empire into North Africa and into Scotland which meant that he was the emperor of the Roman Empire at its largest. Two years after taking charge in Scotland, his army was faced with a rebellion by the Picts (a Scottish tribe) who no longer wanted to live under Roman rule. The Romans retreated during this time and never regained control in Caledonia.