



THE ROMANS

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What was Britain like before the Romans?

Celtic Times

Did you know The Celts were the strongest tribe until 12AD and they lived in Europe?

The Celts also lived in the Bronze age



The Celts lived in the Iron age for 705 years.

Who were the Romans and who founded Rome?

- ❑ The Romans lived in Italy .



- ❑ Romulus and his twin called Remus were the sons of Mars, God of war. When they were babies they were abandoned by a river, they were found by a wolf who fed and took care of them. Then they were adopted by a shepherd and they grew up clever and strong. They built a town called Rome.
- ❑ One day, some years before Jesus Christ was born, the Romans came to Britain. The Romans came to Britain nearly 2000 years ago and changed our country.

WHEN DID THE ROMANS INVADE BRITAIN?



The Romans came to Britain looking for riches, land, slaves and most of Britain's metal.

The Romans invaded Britain 3 times. In 54 B.C. 55 B.C. and 43 A.D.

The Romans invaded Britain before Jesus was born in August 55 B.C.

There were over 30,000 men on foot and 2,000 on horses.

WHY DID ROMANS INVADE BRITAIN?

1. They were angry with Britain for helping the French battle against strong and mighty emperor Julius Caesar.

2. They wanted lots of riches and land. Especially copper , silver and gold . Most of all zinc and lead.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Romans called London Londinium.



HOW LONG DID THE ROMANS STAY IN BRITAIN AND WHY DID THEY LEAVE??



How long did the Romans stay in Britain ?

They stayed in Britain from 43 AD to 410 AD ; almost four hundred years!



Why did they leave?

Their homes in Italy were being attacked so all the brave soldiers were needed to protect their precious homes.



Why was the Roman Empire important ?

The language that we speak was created by the Romans. Some of the words that we speak have Latin in them.

The calendar we have is over 2,000 years old. It was started by Julius Caesar, a Roman master.

The laws that we have today were originally made by the Romans.

The solar calendar has 365 days and also 366 days Every leap year. The months are named after the Roman gods.

Did you know that the Roman calendar is called a solar calendar because it was based on the earth moving around the sun?



Why did Hadrian build his wall?

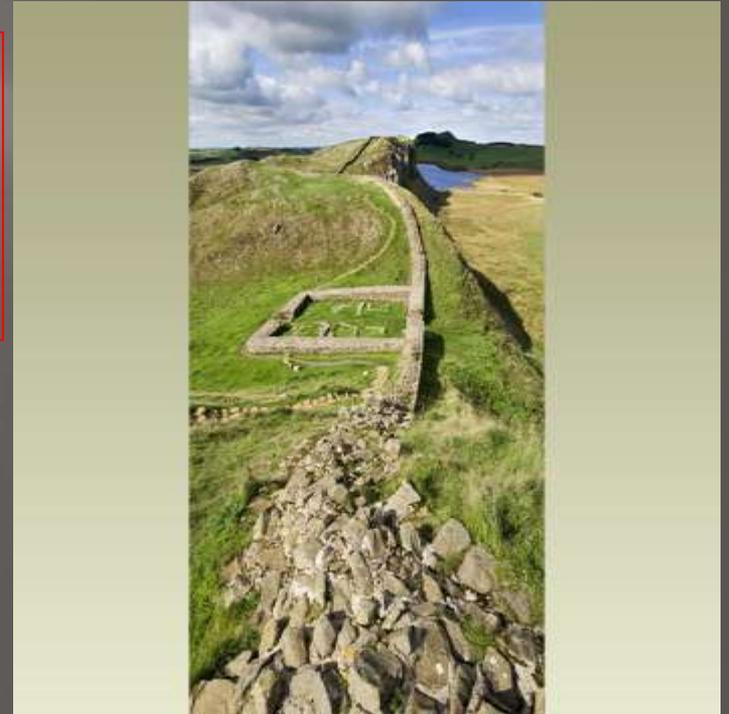


After the Romans invaded Southern Britain they felt like they had to defend it. They built straight roads so that it would be easier to march into battle, which meant they were ready for fighting.

**Did you know...
People can still walk along bits of Hadrian's wall today?**

This wall was built by a very clever man. He was called Hadrian.

The Romans built there roads on foundations of clay, chalk and gravel and then laid flat stones on top



Who was in the Roman Army?

There were about 30 legions in the Roman Army. A soldier was not allowed to get married when he was in the a legion. Soldiers came from outside Italy. They came from Africa, France, Germany, the Balkans, Spain and the middle East.

Soldiers stayed in the army for 25 years. Old people settled down in a military town. Roman soldiers wore sandals with iron studs on the leather soles. When the soldiers were far away from their homes they became lonely. Some legions had about 4,000 and 6,000 soldiers. Some centuries was led by a centurion.



HOW DID ROMAN BRITAIN DEFEND ITSELF?



After the Romans invaded southern and Britain they had to defend it.

Only men could be in the Roman Army because no women were allowed. Every Roman soldier was a citizen. Soldiers had to stay in the army for at least 25 years.

Hadrian's wall protected the Romans.





WHAT DID THE ROMANS BUILD IN BRITAIN?

- Romans used slaves and animals to power things instead of engines. They had war machines like catapults.
- Slaves controlled heating and helped keep the fires blazing.
- Romans were the first to put arches into buildings and they built roads. They built aqueducts to carry water it was like a bridge on a arch.
- The Romans used cranes to lift heavy stones on building sites powered by men on a treadmill. Roman builders discovered how to make cement that went hard under water. The Romans also built big buildings that had arched roofs but the roofs did not need rows of pillars to hold them up.

EPIC ENTERTAINMENT

GORY GLADIATORS

If a gladiator survives long enough to retire they would get a wooden sword as a present.

People who fought as gladiators would fight against wild animals such as lions , leopards and bears.



PERFECT PLAYS

Romans liked going to the theatre .The actors mostly liked to play comedies.

The Romans showed there acts in a theatre .Every one sat on stone steps.



WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE FOR A ROMAN FAMILY

Mothers were less important than fathers in the family. The father had the power of life or death over everyone.

When a new baby was born it would be laid at its fathers feet—if the father picked the baby up it would live, but if he ignored the baby it would be taken away to die...Women were expected to run the home, cook meals, and raise children. If they were wealthy, women were lucky they would have had slaves to do the work for them .Many women got married at the age of 14 .Marriages were often arranged by the whole family .The husband would divorce his wife if he didn't want a baby .Many women died young (in their 30s),because childbirth can be dangerous and diseases were common .





WHAT DID THE ROMANS BELIEVE IN ?

At first the Romans believed in lots of Gods and Goddesses.

*These are some of the Gods , Jupiter, Saturn , Juno , Mars ,
Neptune , Venus , Minerva.*

Jupiter is the God of the sky **and** the most powerful God of all. Neptune is the God of the seas and Jupiter's brother. Mars is the God of war, but used to be God of farming. Juno is Jupiter's wife and she took care of women. Venus is the God of love . Minerva was God of wisdom and loved to weave. Saturn once used to be God of all Gods but now is the God of time . Romans go to shrines ore temples to pray. Pluto was the God of death. Diana was the Goddess of the moon. Apollo is the God of the sun. Cupid was the God of love. Mercury was the messenger .

WHAT HAPPENED TO ROMAN BRITAIN?

The Romans also introduced Christianity to Britain. Many churches are still built using designs like a Roman Basilica.

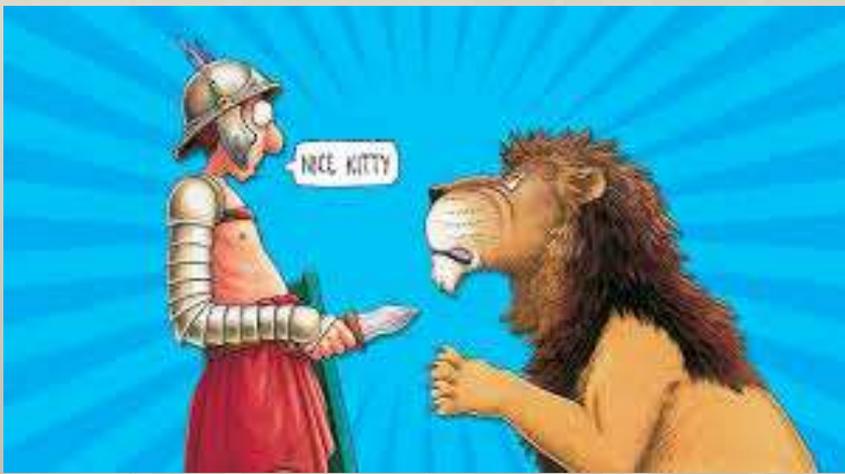
The Romans also brought new plants and animals, such as chickens and parsley.



Some people believe that King Arthur (of the Knights and Round Table) was a Roman-British general who fought the Saxons.



The time period after the Romans was the Anglo-Saxons. The Romans left Britain in AD 410. They never conquered Scotland. The Anglo-Saxons were farmers and did not live in towns like the Romans.



This book is a non-fiction book about The Romans.

It has facts and information about the Romans. Find out why they invaded Britain; what they did for us and what they built in Britain.

Discover how the Romans entertained themselves and why Hadrian built his wall. You can also find out what life was like for a Roman family? So be prepared to go into the past!
