

# Ancient Rome

## What should I already know?

The Stone Age was when early humans used tools from stone. This is also known as pre-history. The Stone Age had three periods - Palaeolithic Mesolithic and Neolithic. The Bronze Age was a period in time when humans used tools and weapons made from bronze. The Iron Age was a period in time when people used tools and weapons made from iron.



### Key Knowledge

### Key Vocabulary

The first Romans lived in Italy nearly 3000 years ago. They founded the city of Rome in 753 BC and, over the centuries, conquered many lands to create a huge empire.

The Roman Empire lasted for nearly 400 years in Britain.

Julius Caesar attempted to invade in 55-54BC.

Claudius invaded Britain in 43 AD and was successful.

The Roman army were very powerful due to their organisation and equipment.

Boudicca, the Queen of the Iceni, was one of the Celts who rebelled against the Romans in AD 61.

During their occupation of Britain, Romans influenced many areas of life including; the written and spoken language, measurement system, cities, buildings (built out of bricks and stone), technology, religion (e.g. Christianity).

Roman Britain became more of a nation rather than a number of tribes.

The Roman legacy in Britain included roads, buildings and sanitation.

Chronology

The order of a series of past events.

Citizen

A person with all the rights and protections of a nation or land. In the Roman Empire, only citizens were able to vote.

Legacy

The long lasting impact of a civilisation on modern society.

Empire

A group of countries controlled by one ruler or government.

Emperor

The ruler of an empire.

Invade

To attempt to take over a place by force.

Celts

People living in Britain in tribes, including the Iceni, Brigantes and Catuvellauni.

Legion

A large section of the Roman army, made up of around 5000 soldiers.

**55-54 BC:** Julius Caesar first invades Britain.

**AD 43:** The Romans conquer Britain. This marks the end of the Iron Age.

**AD 80:** Pompeii was destroyed by the volcano, Vesuvius.

**AD 122:** Hadrian's Wall is built to protect against the raiding Northern tribes, the Picts.

**AD 250:** Picts from Scotland, Scots from Ireland, Angles, Saxons and Jutes from Germany and Scandinavia begin to threaten the Romans in Britain.

**AD 410:** The Romans leave Britain to defend Rome which was under attack from Angles, Saxons and Jutes.

**27 BC:** Augustus became the first elected emperor.

**AD 44:** The Romans capture Colchester. It is the first fortress in Roman Britain.

**AD 100:** London grows to become an important location in Britain. At the same time, the Colosseum, in Rome, was completed.

**AD 212:** Roman Britain - a plan was created to rule Britain. It is divided into two provinces.

**AD 314:** Christianity becomes legal in the Roman Empire.

### Timeline of Roman Britain