

# ROMAN BRITAIN - What impact did the Romans have on Britain?

## Topic Overview

Roman Britain was part of a huge empire ruled from Rome which lasted hundreds of years from AD43 to about AD410. You will learn about how many Britons welcomed the Romans and that some did not. You will find out that the Romans had a lasting legacy on Britain which is still evident today.

## Rulers and Invasion

- Julius Caesar tried to invade and settle twice in BC56 and BC54. 100 years later Claudius invaded
- Rebellions and problems in the first 100 years of occupation
- Boudica's rebellion in AD60
- The Roman Army was a highly disciplined and efficient killing machine, defeating Boudica when she had possibly 20 times more men.



## Settlement and Societal Change

- The Britons traded with the Romans.
- The Romans recognised the value of cleanliness with their baths and aqueducts. They were also famous for their buildings and straight roads.
- There were many social classes including slaves. Rich Romans lived in lavishly decorated villas with their wonderful mosaics whilst most lived in wattle and daub huts.
- There are still many fine examples of their building works which have survived for 2,000 years such as the Romans baths, Hadrian's wall, Fishbourne palace,
- The Romans left in the 5th century but Roman culture continued.

## The Roman Armies were formidable



## Key Vocabulary

AD –Anno Domini; the time after which Jesus was born  
Conquer – to gain something by force, often used to describe an army overpowering another country.  
Culture –shared behaviour such as diet, language, clothing, tools, music, arts, customs, beliefs, and religion, which are shared by a group of people or society

Defeat – to win a victory over someone

Empire – a group of countries ruled by an emperor or empress of the most powerful country

Legacy- a long lasting impact of particular events or actions that took place in the past

Mosaic – a picture or pattern made by putting together small pieces of stone, tile or glass

Occupation - to march aggressively into another country and take over

Rebellion – a group of people who disagree with the rulers and fight against them

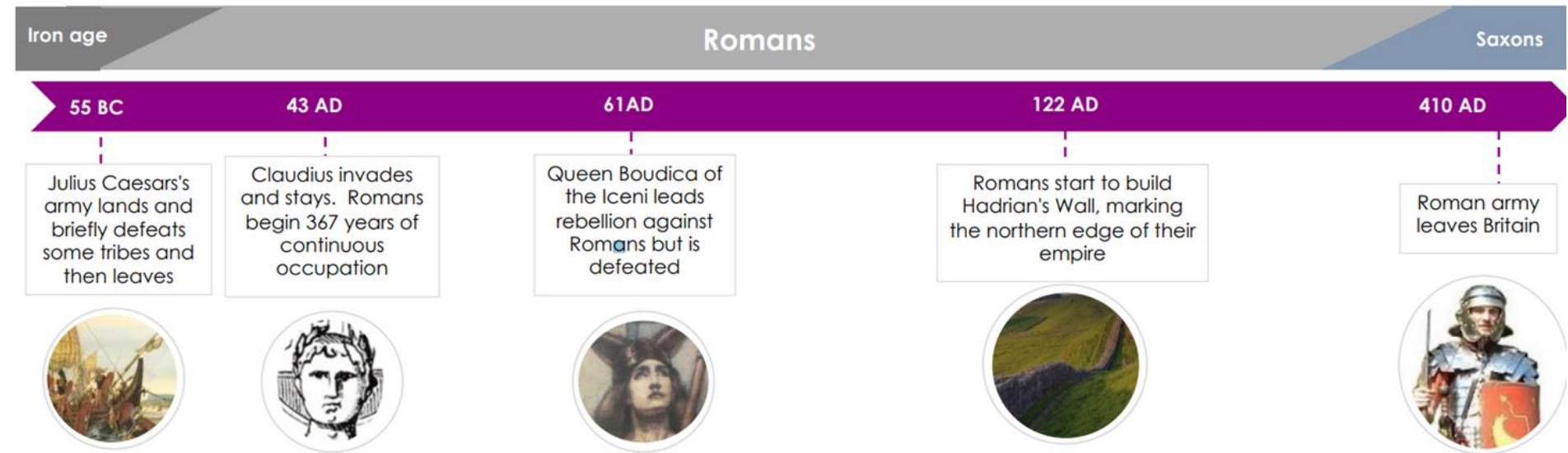
## Top Take-Aways

Having studied this topic you should be able to:

- Explain why Claudius invaded Britain when Caesar didn't stay
- Describe how Boudica stood up to the Romans
- Explain why we have different interpretations of Boudica today
- Describe 4 of the most significant changes the Romans made to how people lived, and how we know for sure
- Explain why the Romans were so powerful but then left Britain after nearly 400 years
- Describe the main ways in which the Romans still impact on our lives today, 2000 years later

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## Roman Timeline



## Map of Roman Britain

