



# What did the Romans do for us?



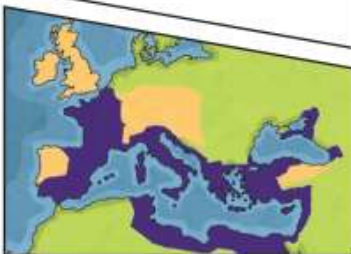
Key Vocabulary	
<b>Caledonia</b>	The name used in Roman times for Scotland.
<b>Celts</b>	People living in Britain.
<b>emperor</b>	The ruler of an empire.
<b>Iceni</b>	A tribe of <b>Celts</b> who lived in the east of Britain.
<b>legion</b>	A large section of the Roman army, made up of 5000 soldiers.
<b>Picts</b>	Tribes from <b>Caledonia</b> .
<b>Roman Empire</b>	The name used for the land that was controlled by the Romans, including parts of Europe, Middle East and North Africa.

**55 BC: The First Raid**  
Julius Caesar wanted to extend his **Roman Empire** so he attempted to invade Britain but the **Celts** fought back and the Romans returned to Gallia (modern-day France).

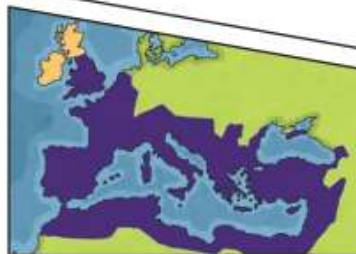


**54 BC: The Second Raid**  
Julius Caesar tried to take over Britain again. This time, he took bigger and stronger **legions** and had some success. Some British tribes were forced to pay tributes (luxury items, such as gold, slaves or soldiers) in order to carry on living how they were.

Map showing the **Roman Empire** in 44 BC



Map showing the **Roman Empire** in AD 305



**AD 43: Invasion**  
The new **emperor**, Claudius, was determined to make more of Britain part of his **Roman Empire** and started a successful invasion. Many **Celts** realised how powerful this Roman army was and agreed to obey Roman laws and pay taxes. Other tribes of **Celts** continued to fight against the Romans, who never gained full control of Britain.



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## AD 60: Boudicca's Rebellion

The Romans decided that the **Iceni** tribe needed to start paying taxes but Queen Boudicca, the ruler of the tribe, refused to let this happen and formed an army to fight the Romans. Thousands of people died in these battles but the Romans eventually won.

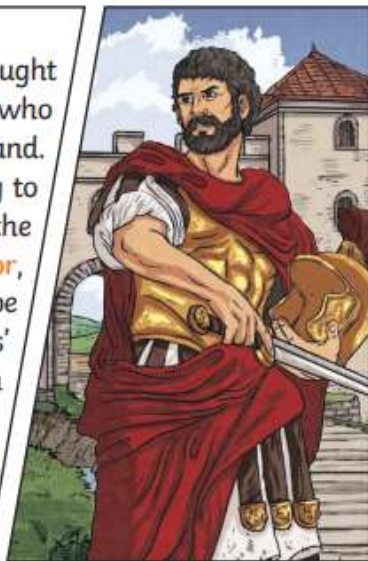


The Romans built elaborately designed Roman baths where people would go to relax and socialise. Some of these impressive buildings still remain today.



## AD 122: Hadrian's Wall

The **Caledonian** tribes fought battles against the Romans who had tried to take their land. The Romans wanted a way to separate their land from the **Picts** so the Roman **emperor**, Hadrian, ordered a wall to be built to protect the Romans' land. The wall was 117km long with castles, guarded turrets, major forts, barracks, bathhouses and even hospitals.



The Romans were famous for building long, straight roads to transport **legions**, supplies, trading goods and messages from the **emperor**. You can still see some Roman roads today, 2000 years after they were built.



Early in Roman times, the Roman people believed in many different gods and goddesses whom they believed controlled different aspects of their lives, such as time, love and the seas.

