

ABOUT : The Romans

Influence

For 400 years, Roman occupation brought a unity to Britain, which it had not known before. Rome influenced our culture, architecture, language and helped form the idea of 'Britishness'.

The ruins of many Roman forts, roads, bath houses and mosaic pictures can still be found around the country and many of our towns and cities were both established and named by the Romans, including London. (Roman name : Londinium AD47)

Invasion

The Romans first invaded in 55BC under Julius Caesar, looking for silver and other booty, however after awhile he withdrew. It wasn't until AD43, that the Romans came to stay, under the Emperor Claudius. It then took them 30 years to conquer the whole country, though this didn't include much of Scotland and Ireland.

Boudicca

In AD61 Boudicca led her people, the Iceni, in a revolt against the Roman occupation, after she was cheated out of her inheritance and both her and her daughters were harmed. She defeated the Roman ninth army and razed London and Colchester before eventually being defeated by Paulinus.

Hadrian's Wall

Emperor Hadrian built a wall between AD122-128 across the full width of the country on the Scottish Border, to keep out the Scots, who were called Picts. Remains of the wall can still be seen today (see picture). Forts and trading posts were also established along the wall.

The Romans eventually left Britain, due to the need to defend their homeland, Italy, in 410

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If you want to find out even more about the Romans, use the links below.

Further information :

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/questions_01.shtml

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/questions/history.html#Roman>

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