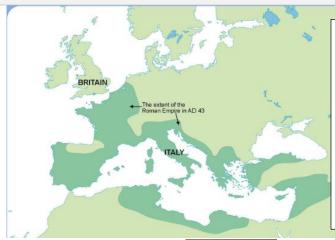
43_{C.E.} / - the Roman Invasion of Britain



How did the arrival of the Romans change Britain?



After a couple of unsuccessful attempts, the Roman Empire invaded Britain in 43C.E.

They brought with them writing and record keeping which marks the beginning of the history of Britain.

Key Vocabulary:

- invasion
- empire
- emperor
- Celt
- Roman
- raw materials
- forum
- slave
- primary source
- artefact
- archaeology



Julius Caesar



Emperor Claudius



Julius Agricola



Hadrian's Wall

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Emperor Hadrian ordered a wall to be built across northern Britain in AD 122. It runs from east to west for 116 kilometres and is 5 metres high and 4 metres wide – which allowed room for walking soldiers to patrol day and night.

Every 2 kilometres along the wall, there was a fortified gate that allowed the Romans to control who passed through in either direction. Approximately every 11 kilometres along the wall, there was a fort of soldiers.

A Typical Roman Town

A typical Roman town was usually built close to a large army fort and designed with the following features:

- A defensive wall
- Guard house
- Two main roads leading in and out
- Forum
- Basilica
- A temple
- Open air theatre
- Amphitheatre
- Public bath houses
- Public toilets
- Fountains, statues and gardens

