

## Why were the Romans important for Britain?

**Century:**  
1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>  
10BC – 410AD

Key Events		Detail
First invasion of Britain	55BC	Led by Julius Caesar but failed
Claudius invades Britain	43AD	Claudius leads the first successful invasion
Rebellion against Romans	60AD	Tribes lead by Boudicca attack Roman forces
Romans leave Britain	410AD	Romans leave Britain and return to Italy

### Important People

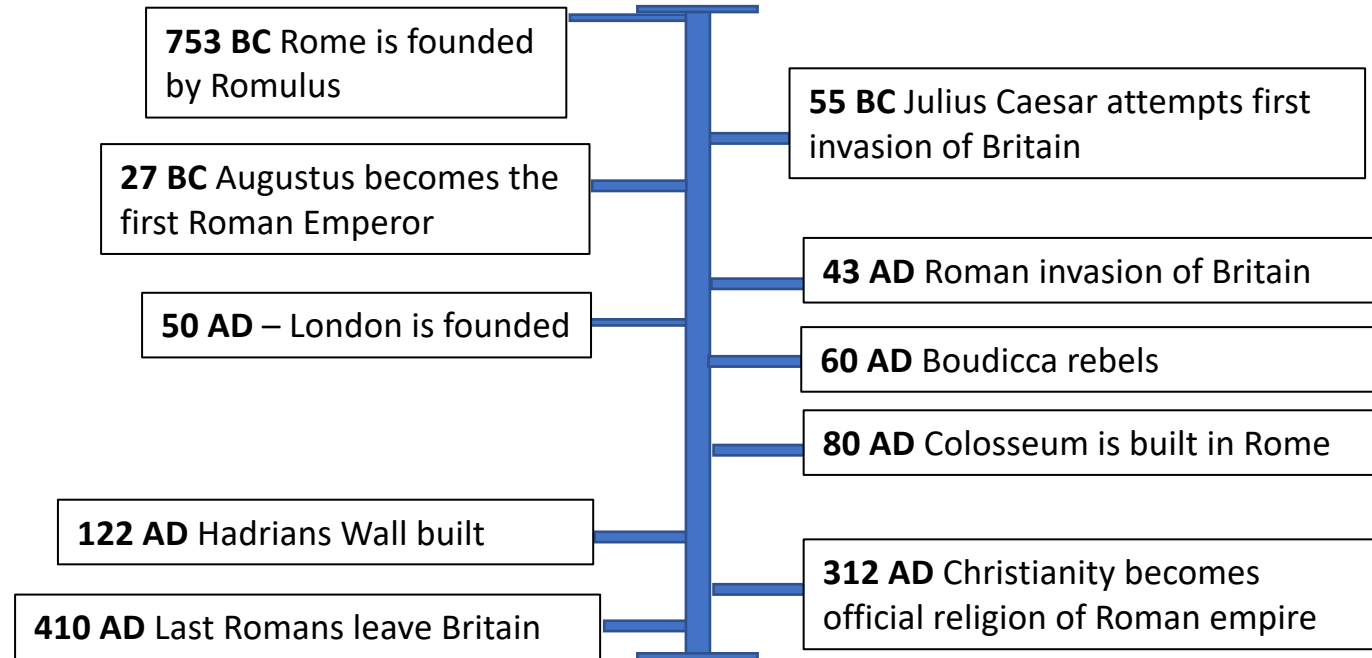
Emperor Claudius	First Roman emperor to successfully invade Britain
Julius Caesar	Famous Roman leader who attempted to invade Britain
Boudicca	Saxon queen who fought back against the Romans
Paulinus	Roman governor (ruler) of Britain in AD60
Romulus and Remus	Mythical twin brothers, and founders of Rome

### Key terms

Invasion	One country attacking another to take it over
Legion	One unit of the Roman army; had 4,000 to 6,000 soldiers in. Lead by a <b>centurion</b> .
Emperor	The leader of an empire. Similar to a king or queen.
Amphitheatre	Where the Romans would go to be entertained.
Temple	A place of worship. A house of a Roman god or goddess.
Mosaic	One picture made up of thousands of small tiles ( <i>tessellates</i> )
Senate	The Roman government.

## Key Questions: Can you answer them all?

1. Why was Rome so powerful?
2. Why did the Romans want to invade Britain?
3. What buildings and events did the Romans introduce to Britain?
4. How significant were the Romans for Britain?
5. Why did the Roman Empire fall?



### What legacy did the Romans leave behind in Britain?

Language	Latin, the official Roman language, forms the roots of many of our words
Buildings	Public baths, amphitheatres, temples can all be seen around Britain
Names	We use Roman names for months (January, July) and planets (Mars, Jupiter)

### Want to explore further?

**Book:** Truth or Busted: Fact or Fiction Behind the Romans  
**Book:** Horrible Histories – The Rotten Romans  
**Website:** <https://www.bbc.com/education/topics/zwmpfg8>