

What Should I already know?

We live on an island named **Britain**.

**Ancient Britain** came long after dinosaurs had become extinct and stretched over three ages known as the **Stone Age**, **Bronze Age** and the **Iron Age**.

The **Iron Age** in **Britain** ended when people known as the **Romans** invaded from over the seas.

Who were the Romans and why did they invade?

The **Romans** were from an area named **Italy**. Their capital was called **Rome**.

The **Romans** had a massive **Empire** which covered most of **Europe**.

The **Romans** decided to **invade** Britain as there were many **valuable resources** such as **metal and gold** which they could mine. There was also lots of land to **farm**.

The Romans **conquered** Britain quite easily because:

-The **Celts** (people who lived in Britain) were all separate **tribes** and did not have one ruler or army.

-The **Romans** had an extremely **strong and well organised army**. Their **equipment, training and armour** was the best in **Europe** at the time.



Boudicca fights back

When the **Romans conquered Britain** many **Celts** were not happy with this however they could not fight back as the **tribes** were not united and the **Roman army** was so well-organised and equipped.

About 20 years after the **Romans** first invaded a woman named **Boudicca**, who was the **queen** of the **Iceni tribe**, united many of the **tribes** to fight back against the **Romans**.

**Boudicca** and the **Romans** fought many **battles** however she was eventually defeated and the **Romans** remained in **Britain**.



Rome in charge

The **Romans** ruled for about 400 years introduced many new **inventions** to **Britain** including:

- Paved straight roads and sewers.
- Stone buildings, walls and larger cities.
- Roman mathematic systems.

The city of **Exeter** was built up by the **Romans** and there are still many signs of this such as the **city walls** and the **sewage system**.



The Romans decide to leave

300 years after **Boudicca's** defeat the **Romans** decided to leave Britain.

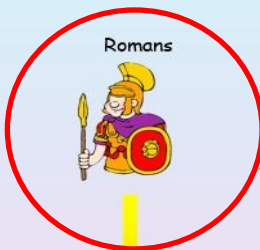
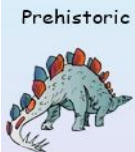
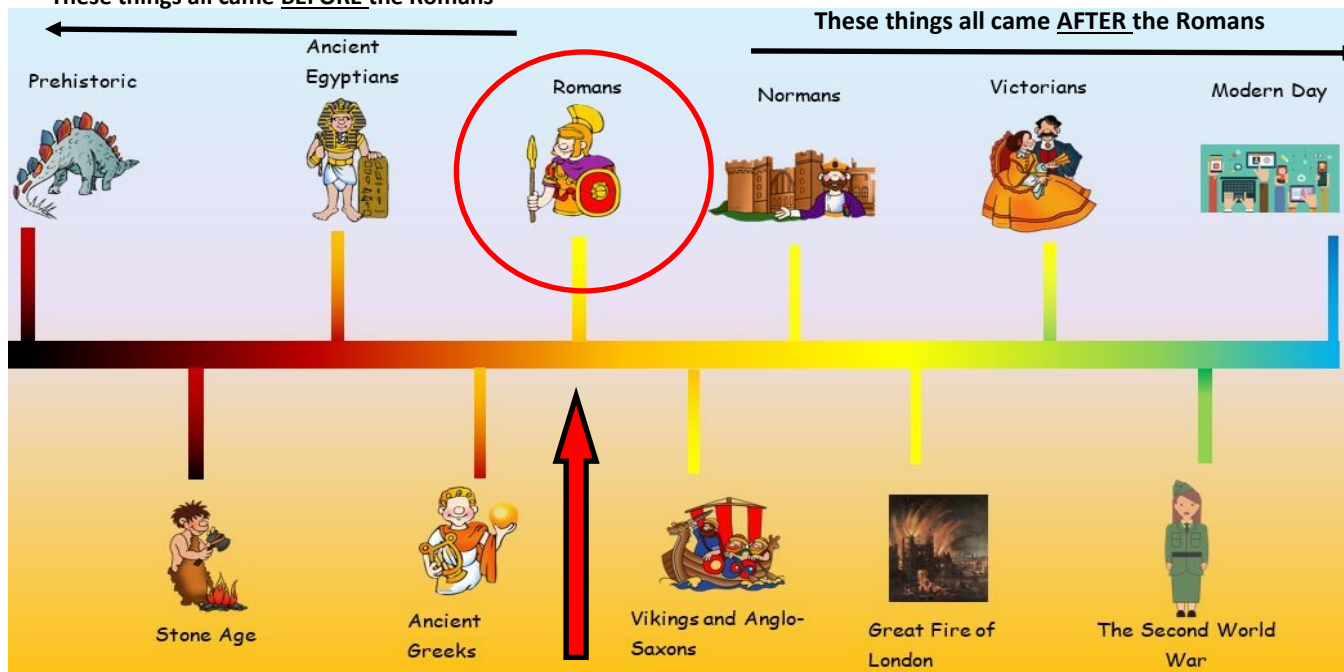
They left because they needed to defend their **capital city** of **Rome** which was under threat from many other **tribes**.

The **British** people were left to fend for themselves and many of the **Roman cities** became **ruins**.

Chronology

These things all came **BEFORE** the Romans

These things all came **AFTER** the Romans



Stone Age

Ancient Greeks

Vikings and Anglo-Saxons

Great Fire of London

The Second World War

Question 1:	Start of Unit	End of Unit
Put these ages in order using the numbers 1-4.		
The Stone Age		
Ancient Greece		
Roman Britain		
Prehistoric times		

Question 2: What country did the Romans come from?

Question 3: Explain why the Romans conquered the British quite easily.

Question 4:	Start of Unit	End of Unit
Boudicca was:		
A Roman soldier		
A famous king who fought against the Romans.		
A famous queen who fought against the Romans.		

Question 5:	Start of Unit	End of Unit
The Romans left Britain because...		
They ran out of materials to mine.		
They needed all their soldiers to protect Rome.		
They were beaten in a big battle		