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Planners of Londinium

Why Romans came and how towns changed

About 30 minutes Level ★★★☆☆

Romans Invade Britain

Rome ruled a huge **empire** across Europe. An **invasion** is when an army takes over land.

- Claudius sent about 40,000 soldiers in AD 43.
- Rome wanted tin, gold, iron, cattle and taxes.
- The army was big, organised and obeyed orders.
- Romans stayed nearly 400 years until about AD 410.



Task A

Fill the Why chain with reasons Romans invaded.

Claudius invaded Britain in AD 43.

Why? wanted tin, gold and iron

Why?

Why?

Why?

Why?

Why?

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Towns and Roads

Tick the right answers about Roman towns and roads.

Key words

empire: many lands ruled by one city

forum: open square for markets and meetings

taxes: money paid to rulers

invasion: army coming to take over land

villa: big stone house with pretty floors

Task B

Example done for you

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Tick the best answer for each question.

1. Who led the **invasion** that stayed?
   - [x] Emperor Claudius in AD 43
   - [ ] Julius Caesar in 55 BC
   - [ ] Queen Boudica in AD 60
2. What did Romans **want** from Britain?
   - [ ] tin, gold and cattle
   - [ ] mobile phones and cars
   - [ ] snow and ice
3. Why were Roman **roads** straight?
   - [ ] so the army could travel quickly and safely
   - [ ] so cows could sleep on them
   - [ ] so they looked wiggly
4. What was the **forum** for?
   - [ ] meeting, shopping and business
   - [ ] keeping cattle at night
   - [ ] growing wheat

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Build Our Town

Draw how a wiggly track became a Roman town.

Did you know?

Did you know? Romans brought small clay **lamps** that burned oil for light!

Task C

Draw and write one short sentence for each step.

1

First: Roman ships land in AD 43 with soldiers.

2

Then: Soldiers build a straight road with a ruler.

3

Next: Builders make stone houses, baths and forum.

4

Finally: Londinium has a bridge, wall and straight streets.

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Match Roman Words

Cut out the cards and find the pairs.

Task D

Cut out and find each matching pair.

Cut out the cards.

wall built in AD 122	 **oil lamp**	big stone house	led invasion in AD 43
gives light with oil	**AD 410**	**Claudius**	**forum**
Romans leave Britain	**villa**	market and meeting place	**Hadrian's Wall**

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Link and Sort

Link words about Romans, then sort town features.

Task E

Make a word chain. Link each word to the last one.

soldier → because... _____

[ ] → because... _____

[ ] → because... _____

[ ] → because... _____

[ ]

Task F

Example done for you

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Put each word in the right group.

forum | roundhouses | oil lamp | candles | bridge | tribal kingdoms | ~~straight roads~~ | villa | dirt tracks

New with Romans	Before Romans
straight roads	

How did I do?

Circle a face for each line.

I can say why the Romans invaded Britain. ☹ 😐 ☺

I can name two features of a Roman town. ☹ 😐 ☺

I can order invasion and leaving on a timeline. ☹ 😐 ☺

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Answer sheet: Planners of Londinium

Task A

Answers will vary, e.g. wanted tin, gold and iron; wanted cattle, food and taxes

Task B

1. a) Emperor Claudius in AD 43
2. a) tin, gold and cattle
3. a) so the army could travel quickly and safely
4. a) meeting, shopping and business

Task C

Answers will vary.

Task D

Claudius = led invasion in AD 43
forum = market and meeting place
villa = big stone house
Hadrian's Wall = wall built in AD 122
oil lamp = gives light with oil
AD 410 = Romans leave Britain

Task E

Answers will vary, e.g. soldier → road → march → forum → market

Task F

New with Romans: straight roads, forum, villa, oil lamp, bridge
Before Romans: roundhouses, dirt tracks, candles, tribal kingdoms

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