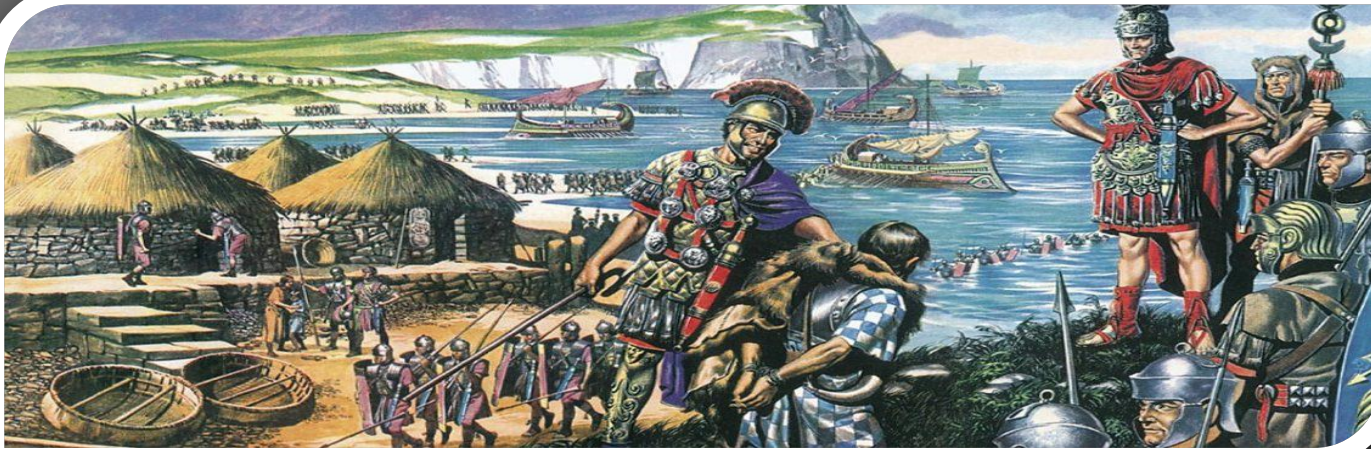


THE ROMAN PERIOD IN ENGLISH HISTORY



- 1. Roman occupation**
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ROMAN OCCUPATION



- ⦿ The Roman period in British history: AD 43 – AD 410;
- ⦿ “Britain” comes from the word “Pretani”, which is the Greco-Roman word for inhabitants of Britain;
- ⦿ The word was mispronounced;
- ⦿ The island was called “Britannia”

ROMAN OCCUPATION

1. Julius Caesar came to Britain in **55 BC**;
2. A Roman army occupied Britain in AD 43 (40,000 soldiers);

REASONS:

1. Celtic Britain was an important food producer;
2. The Romans could make use of British food for their enormous armies;
3. The Celts of Britain were supporting the Celts of Gaul who were the Roman's enemy.



ROMAN OCCUPATION

The Romans were determined to conquer the whole island, **BUT**.....

- a) The Romans settled only in the present day England and **Wales “Cambria”** ;
- b) b) The Romans never went to **Ireland “Hibernia”** ;
- c) c) The Romans could not conquer **“Caledonia” (Scotland)** and built a **Hadrian’s WALL.**

Wales “Cambria”



“Caledonia”



Hadrian's Wall



Ireland “Hibernia”



ROMAN LIFE IN BRITAIN

Canterbury and Chelmsford



were two of the capitals

ROMAN TOWNS

- ⦿ There were three different kinds of town in Roman Britain:
- ⦿ 1) *colonia* (peopled by Roman settlers);
- ⦿ 2) *municipium* (the whole population was given Roman citizenship);
- ⦿ 3) *civitas* (were the old Celtic tribal capitals through which the Romans administered Celtic population in the countryside).

ROMAN ROADS

- ⦿ All the Roman towns were connected by roads.
- ⦿ They were so well-built that even survived through out the long British history and became the main roads of modern Britain.
- ⦿ Six of these Roman roads met in London (Londinium – 20.000 people)



ROMAN COUNTRYSIDE



REASONS FOR DISAPPEARING OF ROMAN BRITAIN:

- ⦿ The influence was largely confined to the towns.
- ⦿ In the countryside, where most people lived, farming methods had remained unchanged.
- ⦿ Celtic speech continued to be dominant in the countryside.
- ⦿ The Roman occupation had been a matter of colonial control rather than large –scale settlement.