

What did the Romans do for us?

Who were The Romans?

The Romans are the people who **originated** (came from) from the city of **Rome in modern day Italy**.

Some Romans believed brother Romulus and Remus founded (created) Rome.

Over 1200 years, they built a large empire covering a lot of the world!

This included places in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and parts of Britain!



Why did they invade Britain and what happened when they did?

It took 3 attempts to invade!

In 43 AD, Emperor **Claudius** was successful!

The Romans wanted Britain in their empire for many reasons, including Gold and silver, leather and wool and slaves.

Many Celtic tribes in Britain were very unhappy with the invasion and tried to fight back.

Boudicca (the queen of the Iceni tribe,) led a rebellion against the Romans and burnt the town of Londinium (modern day London) to the ground.

What did the Romans do in Britain?

When the Romans settled in Britain, they brought their way of life with them.

Wealthy Romans created towns similar to those in Italy and built large villas to live in.

The Romans built roads which were very straight. These helped soldiers and goods move from one place to another quickly.

The Romans also brought different religious beliefs with them—this was something that made the people who already lived there cross.

The Romans also brought a system of currency, establishing the use of coins.

What was their legacy in Britain?

There are lots of things in Britain today which are evidence of the Roman invasion and settlement in England.

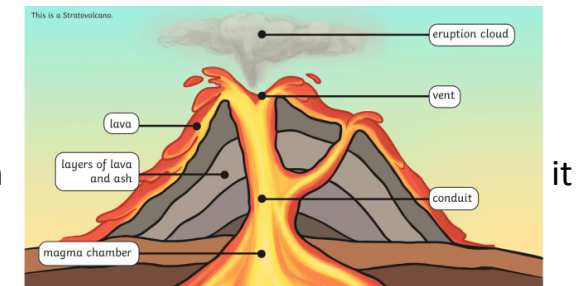
- Hadrian's Wall still stands in the North of England
- In places like Bath, Cirencester and London lots of artefacts (including whole mosaic floors!) have been found.
- Many of the roads built are still used today!
- Lots of the towns still exist today and are even larger! London, Manchester and Bath are examples of these.

What are Volcanoes?

A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust that allows magma, hot ash and gases to escape.

Volcanoes can look like mountains or small hills, depending on what type they are.

Magma is molten rock - rock that is so hot it has turned into liquid. When magma reaches the surface of the Earth it is called lava and comes out of the volcano as a volcanic



What happened at Pompeii?

In 79AD, Mount Vesuvius—a volcano in Italy—erupted.

The eruption completely destroyed the cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii and many people died.

Pompeii and Herculaneum were buried under lots of ash and dust.

Archaeologists have excavated Pompeii and it has told historians lots about how the Romans lived there.

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