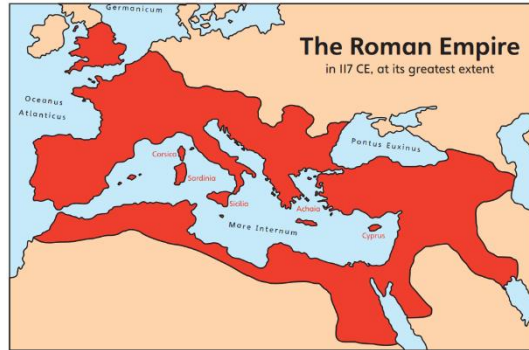
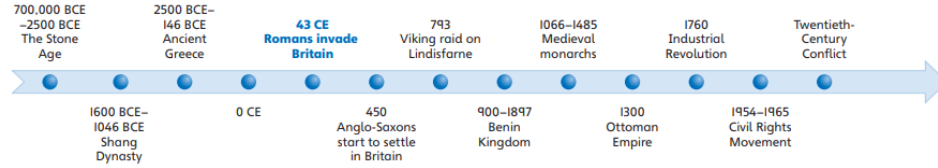


Key facts, places and dates

VOCABULARY!

Amphitheatre A type of theatre without a roof, used for entertainment.
Aqueducts Bridges of a special kind, used to transport water.
Barbarian The Roman word for people who weren't part of their empire.
Citizens Only male members of the Roman Empire.
Client kings Tribal kings allowed to continue being king, as long as they were loyal to Rome.
Culture Arts and ideas.
Emperor A man who is in sole charge of a whole empire.
Empire Group of countries all ruled by one person or state.
Latin The language used by the Romans.
Rebellion Fighting against someone who is in power.



An empire is a group of countries ruled by a single person or state. The Roman Empire was the greatest empire of the ancient world. It successfully conquered lands all over Europe, as well as parts of Africa and western Asia. It became so big that it had to be split in two: the Western European Empire and the Eastern Empire (known as Byzantium). The Romans spread their culture across the empire and made sure that all of their people were well-ruled.



Romanisation of Britain	
Towns and cities	Large towns and cities were built in a grid pattern with baths, amphitheatres and market squares.
Villas	Large brick houses were built for the richest people.
Roads	Over 8,000 roads were built to connect towns and cities, many hundreds of miles long.
Rule	Local councils were created to collect tax and run the towns and surrounding villages.
Language	The language of Rome was Latin, which was used in towns. More people learnt to read and write.
Money	Romans introduced their own currency (coins), which could be used anywhere.
Food	The Romans introduced new animals, crops, foods and drinks.
Plumbing	Romans built aqueducts to bring fresh water into towns and cities, and drains to take dirty water out.

Timeline of events	
753 BCE	Rome is founded.
264 BCE-146 BCE	Rome fights in three Punic Wars against Carthage, and becomes the most powerful empire in the western world.
55 BCE	Julius Caesar leads a failed invasion of Britain.
43 CE	Emperor Claudius orders a successful invasion of Britain.
60 CE	Celtic Queen Boudicca leads a rebellion against the Romans.
87 CE	The Roman conquest of England and Wales is complete.
312 CE	Emperor Constantine converts to Christianity, which becomes the official religion of the Roman Empire, including Britain.
476 CE	The city of Rome is conquered by Germanic barbarians. The last emperor of Rome gives up power. The Roman Empire has fallen.

Important people	
Julius Caesar	Roman general who became Rome's sole ruler, ending the Republic
Augustus Caesar	First official emperor of the Roman Empire
Aulus Plautius	Roman politician who became the first governor of Britain
Claudius	Roman emperor in charge when Britain was conquered
Boudicca	Celtic queen and leader of the Iceni tribe, who led a rebellion against the Romans
Gaius Suetonius Paulinus	Roman general who defeated Boudicca's rebellion