



ROMANS IN BRITAIN

When do the Romans invade Britain?

First invasion - Caesar's first raid. In August 55 B.C. the Roman general, **Emperor Julius Caesar** invades Britain with two **Roman legions**. After winning several battles against the Celtic tribes he returns to France.

Second invasion - Caesar's second raid. In 54 B.C. Caesar comes to Britain again with five **legions** (30.000 soldiers) and 2.000 cavalymen (horse riders). This time the Romans cross the River Thames. After more fighting, the British tribes promise to pay tribute to Rome so they can live in peace.



Third and final invasion

One hundred years later, in 43 A.D. **Emperor Claudius** organises the final and successful Roman invasion of Britain. A big battle is fought near Rochester. It goes on for two days before the Celtic tribes retreat.

Why is the Roman Empire important?

The Romans play an important part in English lives. Many of the things they do or have, originated from the Romans.



The Romans give English people:

- **Language**

the language English people use today is developed from the Romans. The Romans speak and write in Latin and many of their words are based on Latin words.

- **The Calendar**

The calendar English people use today is more than 2,000 years old. It is started by Julius Caesar.

- **Laws and a legal system**

the laws come originally from the Roman Empire.

- **The Census**

The Roman Empire is huge and included millions of people in a large area. So the Romans begin the practice of taking a census, or a 'count,' of all the people within its empire.

The Romans also build:

- roads
- houses in stone
- markets
- aqueducts (bridges for water)
- baths