## Ancient Romens

## Map showing the Roman

 Empire in 44 BC

Map showing the Roman Empire in AD 305


## Key Vocabulary

| Caledonia | The name used in Roman times <br> for Scotland. |
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| Celts | People living in Britain. |
| emperor | The ruler of an empire. |
| Iceni | A tribe of Celts who lived in the east <br> of Britain. |
| legion | A large section of the Roman army, <br> made up of 5000 soldiers. |
| Picts | Tribes from Caledonia. |
| Roman Empire | The name used for the land that <br> was controlled by the Romans, <br> including parts of Europe, Middle <br> East and North Africa. |



55 BC: The First Raid Julius Caesar wanted to extend his Roman Empire so he attempted to invade Britain but the Celts fought back and the Romans returned to Gallia (modern-day France).


54 BC: The Second Raid
Julius Caesar tried to take over Britain again. This time, he took bigger and stronger legions and had some success. Some British tribes were forced to pay tributes (luxury items, such as gold, slaves or soldiers) in order to carry on living how they were.

## AD 43: Invasion

The new emperor, Claudius, was determined to make more of Britain part of his Roman Empire and started a successful invasion. Many Celts realised how powerful this Roman army was and agreed to obey Roman laws and pay taxes. Other tribes of Celts continued to fight against the Romans, who never gained full control of Britain.


## AD 60: Boudicca's Rebellion

The Romans decided that the Iceni tribe needed to start paying taxes but Queen Boudicca, the ruler of the tribe, refused to let this happen and formed an army to fight the Romans. Thousands of people died


## AD 122: Hadrian's Wall

The Caledonian tribes fought battles against the Romans who had tried to take their land. The Romans wanted a way to separate their land from the Picts so the Roman emperor, Hadrian, ordered a wall to be built to protect the Romans' land. The wall was 117 km long with castles, guarded turrets, major forts, barracks, bathhouses and even hospitals.


