

SOCIAL STUDIES / HISTORY · YEAR 3-4 / GRADE 2-3

Knowledge Organiser: The Romans

Y3-4 history

How to use a knowledge organiser

A knowledge organiser is a single-page reference summarising what every child should KNOW about a topic by the end of the unit. It is not a worksheet — it is a memory aid and a teaching tool. HOW TO USE: • Print at start of unit. Glue inside front cover of topic book. • Refer to it in lessons: 'Check your organiser — what's the word for...?' • Use for retrieval practice: 'Cover the table. What can you remember?' • Send a copy home for parents — they can quiz their child. • At end of unit, children should know everything on the page.

KEY DATES

When	What happened
753 BC	Rome founded (legend: Romulus and Remus)
55 BC	Julius Caesar's first invasion of Britain (didn't stay)
AD 43	Roman emperor Claudius invades and conquers Britain
AD 60	Boudica leads the Iceni revolt against Roman rule
AD 122	Hadrian's Wall begins construction in northern Britain
AD 410	Roman army leaves Britain — end of Roman rule

KEY VOCABULARY



Word	Meaning
Empire	A group of countries ruled by one country or leader
Emperor	The ruler of an empire
Senate	A group of important Romans who helped make laws
Legion	A unit of about 5,000 Roman soldiers
Centurion	An officer who led 80 soldiers
Aqueduct	A bridge or channel that carried water to towns
Mosaic	A picture made from small coloured tiles or stones
Toga	A long piece of cloth worn by important Roman men
Forum	An open area in the centre of a Roman town for markets and meetings
Gladiator	A trained fighter who entertained crowds in arenas
Britannia	The Roman name for Britain
Latin	The language of the Romans

KEY PEOPLE

Person	Why they matter
Romulus & Remus	Twin brothers. Legend says Romulus founded Rome.
Julius Caesar	Roman general who first invaded Britain in 55 BC.
Emperor Claudius	Successfully conquered Britain in AD 43.
Boudica	Queen of the Iceni tribe; led a revolt against the Romans in AD 60.
Emperor Hadrian	Ordered Hadrian's Wall built across northern Britain in AD 122.

KEY PLACES



Place	Why it matters
Rome	Capital city of the Roman Empire (in modern Italy)
Britannia	Roman name for Britain — a province of the Empire
Londinium	Roman name for London — a major Roman town
Hadrian's Wall	73-mile wall across northern Britain, marking the empire's edge
Pompeii	Roman town buried by Mount Vesuvius in AD 79
Bath (Aquae Sulis)	Roman spa town in southwest Britain — famous for hot baths

BIG IDEAS

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER BY THE END OF THE TOPIC

