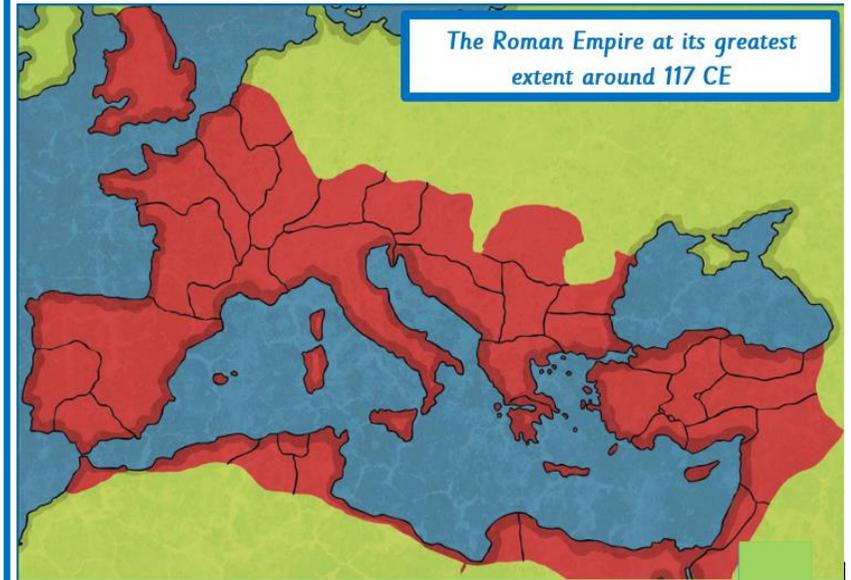


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## History

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## Life in Ancient Rome



The first Romans lived in Italy nearly 3000 years ago. They founded the city of Rome in 753 BC and, over the centuries, conquered many lands to create a huge empire.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
<b>amphitheatre</b>	A circular or oval building in which tiers of seats rise from a central open arena.
<b>aqueduct</b>	A stone trough to carry water to Roman towns.
<b>colosseum</b>	The largest Roman amphitheatre ever built. Erected in Rome between 70 -80 CE.
<b>consul</b>	The highest elected political office of the Roman Republic.
<b>empire</b>	A group of territories ruled by one single ruler or state.
<b>forum</b>	The centre of Roman public life. Included market stalls, businesses and politicians speaking to large crowds.
<b>gladiator</b>	Usually a slave who was forced to fight to entertain crowds.
<b>Latin</b>	The language of Rome, spoken across the Empire.
<b>Mediterranean</b>	The countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea. These were once dominated by Rome.
<b>patrician</b>	A member of the upper class in the two social classes in ancient Rome.
<b>plebeian</b>	The lower class of people in Roman society.
<b>Pompeii</b>	A small town in Southern Italy, totally destroyed by a volcano in 79 CE.
<b>pyroclastic blast</b>	A dense, fast-moving flow of solidified lava pieces, volcanic ash, and hot gases.
<b>republic</b>	A government where the people are in charge, rather than a monarch.
<b>Roman Empire</b>	A huge empire controlled by Rome, lasting from 509 BCE to 476 CE.
<b>senate</b>	An executive assembly or a governing body of prominent members of Roman society.
<b>Vesuvius</b>	Active volcano in southern Italy.

### Invasions of Britain.

The Roman General Julius Caesar made two attempts to conquer Britain, first in 55 BCE and again in 54 BCE. He wanted to add the rich land to the Roman Empire and punish the Celts for helping his enemies. Both attempts were unsuccessful. In AD 43, Emperor Claudius launched a third attack on Britain. He sent a powerful and well-organised army of around 40,000 men that landed in southern England. This time, much of Britain (or Britannia as the Romans called it) did become another province of Rome. Britain remained under Roman control until 409 CE

### Timeline

