

The Roman Empire

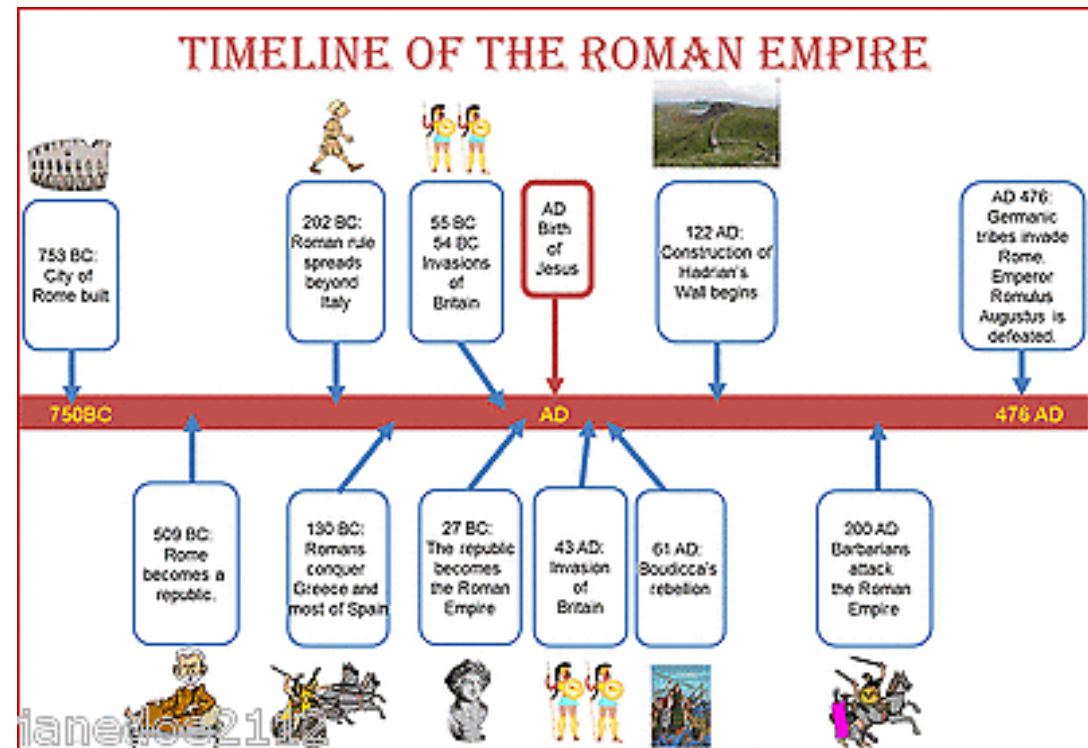
The Ancient Romans built a very powerful empire. They had a skilled and very large army which consisted of **legionaries** and **auxiliaries**. Rome was firstly ruled by kings, it then became a **republic** and then finally was ruled by an **emperor**. The Romans wanted to explore other lands so that they could become richer and more powerful. Their army **invaded** much of Europe, parts of Asia and even North Africa!

Invasions

When the Romans **invaded** countries, their army would use different **tactics** using their shields to help stay protected! The romans would often **capture** slaves to take back to Rome, they would force the country to obey Roman law and they even had to pay them **taxes**!

Roman Houses:

The Romans built lots of cities which were well **fortified** with city walls. As a Roman, the type of house you would live in would depend on whether you were rich or poor. There were four types of houses: a wooden hut, **insulae**, **domus** and a **villa**.



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Key Vocabulary	
Chronology	Time order, from beginning to end.
Legionaries	A soldier that was a Roman citizen.
Auxiliaries	A soldier that wasn't a Roman citizen.
Emperor	The person in charge of the Roman Empire.
Invaded	To take over or take control of land.
Tactics	Carefully planned strategies.
Capture	To take someone prisoner.
Taxes	Money that had to be paid to the Romans.
Fortified	Huge defence systems to protect from attacks.
Insulae	A home for poor people, they looked like apartments.
Domus	A home for rich Romans. Lots of rooms and nicely decorated.
Villa	The most luxurious Roman home. Lots of rooms and some even had underfloor heating!
Society	A community of people.
Citizens	People that live in a particular town or city e.g. a British citizen is someone that lives in Britain.
Sacrifices	To kill something (usually an animal) as a gift to the gods.
BC/BCE	Before Christ or Before Common Era. They are both the same.
AD/CE	Anno Domini or Common Era. They are both the same.

Roman Society:

The Ancient Romans were not treated equally, their **society** was split into three groups:

- Patricians, these were the most important people in Roman society.
- Plebeians, these were working class people like soldiers or farmers.
- Slaves, the lowest in Roman society. Slaves were not even considered Roman **citizens**! Some slaves were treated very harshly.

Religion:

The Ancient Romans believed in many gods and goddesses who had special powers! They had a god or goddess for nearly everything and to keep the gods happy would make animal sacrifices! Many of our planets are named after the Roman gods and goddesses! In 313 CE Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity and it became the main Roman religion.

Inventions:

The Ancient Romans built long straight roads, aqueducts (to transport water), introduced roman numerals as a number system, Latin language, the Gregorian calendar, public baths and sewers!

