

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will understand the significant impacts the Romans had on Britain, including their contributions to infrastructure, culture, and society. The student will also develop critical thinking skills by analyzing how these impacts are still felt today.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for notes
- Colored pencils or markers for drawing
- Access to a map of Roman Britain (can be drawn by the student)
- Timer for activities

Before the lesson, familiarize yourself with key Roman figures, events, and terms related to their occupation of Britain. This will help guide discussions and answer questions effectively.

Activities

• Map Making

The student will create a map of Roman Britain, marking important locations such as Hadrian's Wall, towns, and roads. This will help visualize the extent of Roman influence.

• Role Play

Engage in a role-playing activity where the student can act as a Roman soldier or a British tribesman. This will help them understand different perspectives during the Roman occupation.

• Roman Inventions Showcase

The student will research and present on three Roman inventions that impacted Britain, such as roads, baths, and aqueducts. They can draw or create a mini-poster to illustrate their findings.

• Discussion and Reflection

End the lesson with a discussion on how Roman influences can still be seen today, such as in language, architecture, and government. The student will reflect on what they found most interesting.

Talking Points

- "The Romans came to Britain around AD 43, and they stayed for almost 400 years. Can you imagine living under Roman rule?"
- "One of the most famous things the Romans built was Hadrian's Wall. It was like a giant 'keep out' sign for the Scottish tribes!"
- "The Romans were great builders. They constructed roads that helped connect towns. Some of these roads are still in use today!"
- "The Romans brought new ideas about bathing and hygiene. They built public baths where people could relax and socialize."

- "Did you know that the Romans introduced new foods to Britain? They brought things like grapes and olives!"
- "The influence of Roman language can still be seen in English today. Many words we use come from Latin, the language of the Romans."
- "Even after the Romans left, their impact on Britain shaped how people lived and governed themselves. What do you think would be different if they hadn't come?"