

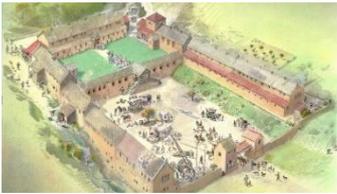


ROMAN LIFE IN BRITAIN

ROMAN INVENTIONS

When the Romans conquered Britain, in AD43, they brought their way of life with them. Over time, the people of Britain (called the Celts) began to adapt to the Roman lifestyle. During the Roman Empire, the Romans developed a variety of new inventions many of which we still use today.

ROMAN HOUSES



Most of Roman Britain was a wild place, with forests and mountains where few people lived. People mainly lived in small villages with wooden houses with thatched roofs, much as they had before the Romans arrived. However, some wealthy Romans lived in villas and palaces. Villas were large farms with a big house for the owners. They had lots of servants and farm workers to help run the villa.

ROMAN TRANSPORT



The Romans are famous for the network of roads they built across Britain, which remained centuries after they departed. These roads were predominantly straight so that they could travel as quickly as possible. Rich people travelled by horse or on long journeys by covered wagons. Sometimes they were carried in litters (seats between two long poles).

AQUEDUCTS



To this day, Roman aqueducts still exist but are not used for the same reason. They were used to bring water from outside water sources into the cities and towns. It is believed that the first aqueduct was built in 312 BC in the city of Rome, Italy.

ROMAN NUMERALS

I II III IIII
V VI VII VIII
IX X XI XII

Roman numerals are a numerical system composed of seven Latin letters: I, V, X, L, C, D and M. Originally developed in 500 BC, the use of Roman numerals spread throughout Europe where they were used as the main method to represent numbers for centuries.

OTHER ROMAN INVENTIONS

Newspapers, Latin (language), taxes, sewers, laws, calendars and concrete.

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the Roman invention that brought water to towns and cities?
2. Why were Roman roads made straight?
3. Do we still use any Roman inventions today?
4. What are the Latin letters used in Roman numerals?
5. Name 3 Roman inventions.