Romans In Britain

KS2 History · Follows the national curriculum

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1. Worked example

Why did the Romans build Hadrian's Wall?

Step 1 · Think about who lived beyond the northern edge of Roman Britain

Tribes the Romans hadn't conquered, in modern-day Scotland

Answer: Hadrian's Wall was built to defend Roman Britain from tribes to the north that the Romans hadn't conquered

Check: It also helped the Romans control who and what crossed the border.

2. Now try one with the steps

Why do many modern British roads still follow routes first built by the Romans?

Step 1 · Think about how carefully the Romans planned their roads

Step 2 · Later builders often found it easier to reuse these good routes

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What did the Romans build to defend the northern border of Roman Britain?

2. What is London's Roman name?

3. Name one thing the Romans introduced to Britain that we still use ideas from today.

4. Did the Romans conquer all of the island of Britain?

5. Explain why Roman roads were usually built very straight.

6. Why might archaeologists find Roman coins, pottery and mosaics still buried in the UK today?

4. Before you hand it in

Thinking the Romans conquered the entire island of Britain, including modern-day Scotland.
Remember: Roman Britain mostly covered what is now England and Wales, not all of Scotland.

Assuming the Romans only brought soldiers and fighting to Britain, with no lasting positive changes.
Remember both sides: the Romans conquered by force, but also built lasting infrastructure.