



# Knowledge Organiser: The Roman Empire

Assessment question: What types of evidence do historians use to learn about the Roman Empire?

## Maps



## Key words to learn

Roman emperors	
<b>emperor</b>	Ruler of the Roman Empire.
<b>Roman empire</b>	The Romans were based in <b>Rome</b> in Italy, but they ruled over land that stretched far beyond the borders of <b>Rome</b> . This was called the <b>Roman Empire</b> , and it covered large parts of land all around the Mediterranean Sea – and even part of Great Britain.
<b>senator</b>	The senate was made up of politicians ( <b>senators</b> ) who advised the emperor.
<b>centurion</b>	The commander of up to 100 men in the Roman army.
<b>legion</b>	A military unit recruited from Roman citizens, usually around 5000 men in strength.
<b>Historical evidence</b>	Every image, object, building, written source and landscape is a piece of evidence that can help us understand the past.

## Buildings



**(The Colosseum)**

Many Roman buildings and monuments still survive today.

## Writing



The Romans wrote accounts on scrolls or tablets.

## Artefacts (objects)



Artefacts can tell us lots about how people in the past lived.



Coins can tell us the dates that emperors ruled.

## Statues



**Statue of Julius Caesar (100BC-44BC)**

He was known for being the first dictator of Rome and putting an end to the Roman Republic.



**Statue of the emperor Claudius (10BC- 54 AD)**

His soldiers successfully invaded Britain in 43AD.

## Roman Timeline

753 BC – The city of Rome is founded.

509 BC – Rome becomes a republic. Rome is run by elected senators.

73 BC – Spartacus the gladiator leads the slaves in an uprising.

45 BC– Julius Caesar becomes the first dictator of Rome, signaling the end of the Roman republic.

27 BC – The Roman Empire begins, with Augustus as the first Roman emperor.

80 AD – The Colosseum is built.

121 AD – Hadrian's Wall is built.

306 AD – Constantine converts to Christianity, making Rome a Christian

476 AD – Romulus is overthrown and the Roman Empire is no more.



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