

History - Roman Britain

What was Britain like before the Romans?



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Agenda

What was life like in 43 CE?



**How do we know about life in Britain
before the Romans?**



For this lesson you will need:

Exercise book or paper

Pencil

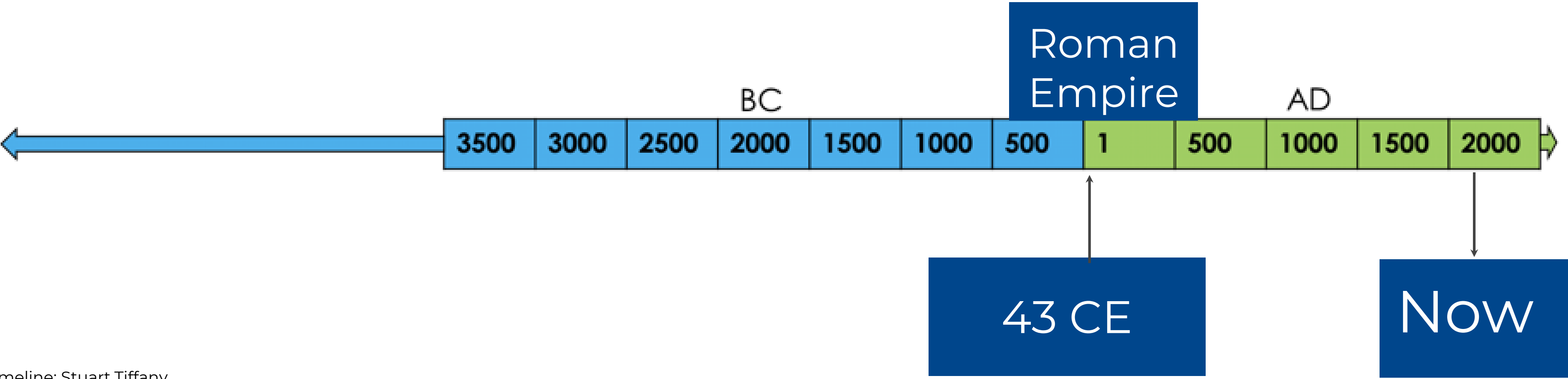
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What was life like in
43 CE?



Timeline



Timeline: Stuart Tiffany



Tribal society - Celts

No national leader

Failed Roman invasions
- 55 BCE/54 BCE



Image: Celtic Roundhouse (Wikimedia)



Pause the video to complete your task

Instruction

Which of these sentences are true or false?

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| a) The Romans travelled to Britain in 55 BCE | TRUE |
| b) In 43 CE, Britain had a single King | FALSE |
| c) Julius Caesar successfully conquered Britain in 55 BCE | FALSE |
| d) People in Britain lived in tribes and were called 'Celts' | TRUE |



Resume once you're finished



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about life in Britain
before the Romans?



Iron Age

Skilled metalworkers

Artifacts



Image: Anvil (Pixabay)



Instruction

For each sentence write down the missing words

- a) In 43 CE Britain was living in the Iron Age
- b) Many people in Britain were very skilled metalworkers who made tools, weapons and cooking pots
- c) Historians have learnt a lot about this period through the discovery of artefacts



Historical excavations

Hill forts

Maiden Castle



Image:Excavations at Maiden Castle in October 1937.
Photograph by Major George Allen (1891–1940)
(Wikimedia)



Instruction

Answer the following questions in full sentences

1) Why do historical excavations take place?

Historical excavations take place to **look for objects from the past**

1) Why were Hill Forts built during the Iron Age?

Hill forts were built because **people needed to defend themselves from attacks**

1) What evidence of the past did they discover at Maiden Castle?

During the excavation at Maiden Castle they discovered **evidence of roundhouses, pottery and jewellery**

