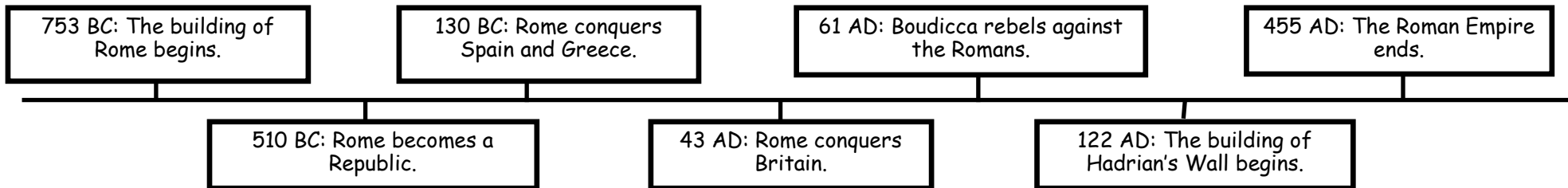


Year 4: What was life like in the Roman Empire?



Knowledge

Roman civilisation **began in 753 BC** when King Romulus founded the city of Rome (naming it after himself). It developed into a huge empire, conquering areas in Europe, Africa and Asia.

There were big differences between how rich and poor people in the Roman Empire lived. Some people were slaves.

Rich people lived in big houses with heating, water and tile decorations called mosaics.

Many poor people lived in apartment complexes called 'Insulae'.

The Romans built lots of new towns with houses, shops, meeting places, temples and bath houses. The Romans also built roads to make transport easier.

Roman towns had running water brought in by aqueducts.

The Romans took part in leisure activities, such as watching gladiator fights in amphitheatres or playing board games.

The Romans had communal toilet spaces, sometimes shared by 30 people.

CRC Article 17: All children have the right to find out information.



Vocabulary

ancient	Something from a very long time ago.
aqueduct	A bridge like structure built to carry water to towns and cities.
archaeology	The study of things that people made, used and left behind.
artefact	An object made by a human in the past.
chronology	The study of events in time.
difference	How different things are. How things are not the same.
inference	To make a guess using information that you know.
interpretation	To make informed guesses about an artefact or an event, leading to an adaptation or version of events.
invasion	To enter a place as an enemy by force to conquer or steal from the people who live there.
primary source	Images, documents or artefacts used as evidence from a specific time period.
province	Part of a country with its own government.
reconstruction	To re-build something to see what it was like.
Roman Empire	All the places that were ruled by the Romans.
similarity	How alike things are.
villa	A large house in the country.



Roman Villa



Aqueduct



Colosseum