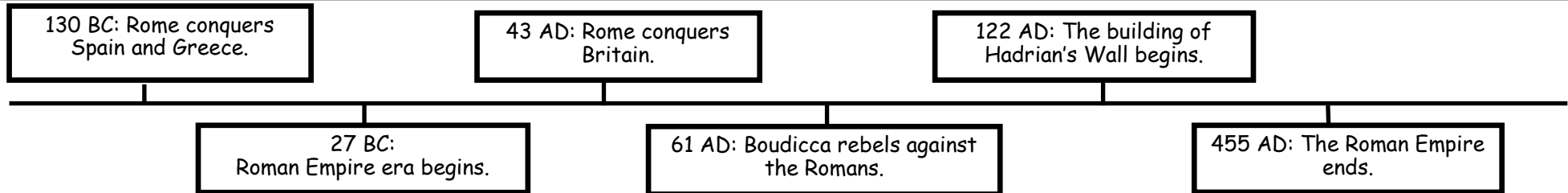


Year 4: Why did the Romans march through County Durham?



Knowledge

Rome was more than just a country - it was an **Empire**.

The Romans wanted to include Britain in their Empire, but their first attempt to invade, under Julius Caesar in 55 BC, failed.

The Romans then successfully invaded Britain in AD 43; this time under Emperor Claudius.

The Romans wanted to invade Britain because they believed Britain contained lots of valuable minerals like iron, copper, tin, silver and gold, which would increase the wealth of the Empire.

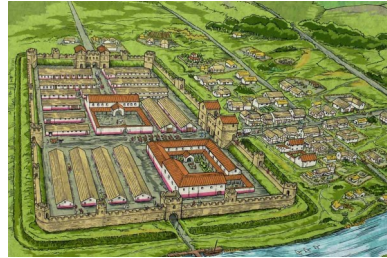
In AD 43, the full might of the Roman army landed on the beaches in Kent, on the South Coast of England. Over the next year it battled inland, storming through hillforts and chopping down anyone who stood in their way.

The Romans wanted Britain's precious metals. However, they weren't just a destructive force - they built new forts, new settlements and roads. They spread their culture, language and laws.

There are lots of Roman sites across Durham and the whole of the North of England.

This area was important to the Romans as they needed to build a main road through to the border for the army to use to defend against the Picts and Celts in the North (now Scotland).

The Romans also came to County Durham because of the many harbours they could use for trade and for the lead which was mined there.



Binchester Roman Fort, County Durham.

Vocabulary

ancient	Something from a very long time ago.
Ancient Briton	Britain during Celtic times.
Britannia	The ancient Roman name for Britain.
cause	Something which causes something else to happen.
Celt	An ancient Briton.
chronology	The study of events in time.
consequence	Something that happens because of something else.
difference	How different things are. How things are not the same.
Emperor Claudius	A Roman Emperor.
Empire	A group of territories under one ruler.
Hadrian's Wall	A huge defensive wall built by the Romans.
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.
Julius Caesar	The First Roman Emperor.
primary source	Images, documents or artefacts used as evidence from a specific time period.
province	Part of a country with its own government.
representation	A picture or object which represents something.
Roman Empire	All the places that were ruled by the Romans.

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