

Roman Invasion in Britain

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The Romans tried to invade Britain three times.

In 55 B.C. Julius Caesar invaded Britain with two Roman legions. The Romans fought several battles against different Celtic tribes before returning to Gaul (France).

In 54 B.C. Caesar returned to Britain with a much larger army. He crossed the English Channel with five Roman legions. The Romans marched inland and crossed the river, Thames. Celtic tribesmen were on their way again, but the Romans managed to defeat them and moved to the mainland. Afterwards, Caesar agreed to leave Britain, but only if the tribes agreed to make a tribute (payment) to Rome, in other words, pay stable taxes.

In 43 A.D. Emperor Claudius launched a third and final invasion of Britain. Four Roman legions, led by Aulus Plautius, landed in three locations on the coast of Britain – Richborough, Lympne, and Dover. A large battle was fought between the Romans and the Celtic tribes once again near the river Medway. The Romans finally won, but it took many years to gain control of the whole British island, as many tribes continued to fight against Roman rule.

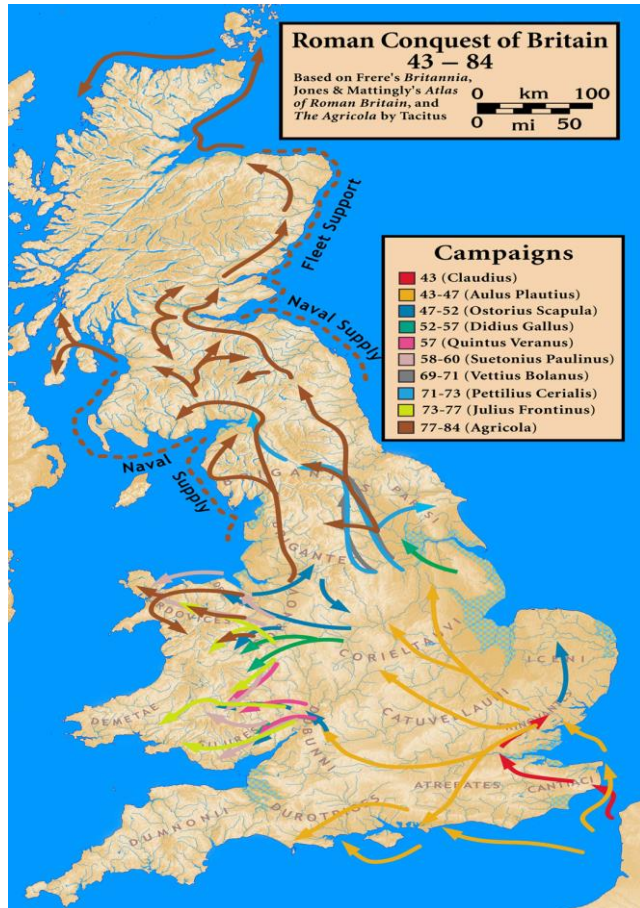


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