

# Battles That Shaped Britain's History

Teachers' Notes : Boudicca and the Romans

*Battles That Shaped Britain's History* is a terms project that looks at key battles over the last 2000 years. This week we are looking at the last big battle between Boudicca and the Roman legions in AD60.

1. Look at the time line and where this battle fits in. It is interesting to see the long amount of time after this battle when the Romans ruled over Britain in a period of no major changes until the Romans left.
2. There is an information pack of 6 pages about Boudicca and Roman life in Britain.
3. **First Activity:** The activities pages start with a cloze passage that describes Boudicca's last battle and what happened. Children can either just fill in the spaces or rewrite the whole passage.

**Second Activity:** The second activity is really for the less able and involves cutting out statements about the Celts and Romans and putting them under the correct headings. More able children could re-write the statements into a prose passage.

**Third Activity:** Children are asked to be journalists and write up an account of the last battle against Boudicca. Page 6 of the information pack has some interesting quotes from Romans about the Celts that can add some descriptive colour.

**Fourth Activity:** This is an art activity looking at the designs of the soldiers' shields. If you have any pupils who do not like the military nature of this task perhaps they could look at Roman mosaics.

**Fifth Activity:** These are the more open ended research activities where the information pack, library books and the internet could be used. I've suggested they choose two from 4 suggestions but one may take up enough time.

For the internet if you put into Google the word *Boudicca* or *Roman Britain* then you will see many good sites . Some sites worth looking at are:

[www.historyonthenet.com](http://www.historyonthenet.com)

[www.eyewitnesstohistory.com](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com)

[www.history-uk.com](http://www.history-uk.com)

[www.britishbattles.com](http://www.britishbattles.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/wales/celts](http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/celts)