



What reasons can you remember
for invading Britain?



Claudius was successful in his invasion of Britain, but it was a long, slow process and took many years to gain full control. This was mainly because many Celtic tribes fought against the Romans to protect their land, in particular the Iceni tribe who were led by a woman called Boudicca.

Let's find out her story...



Queen Boudicca



The Iceni Tribe

- King Prasutagus was the King of the British tribe the Iceni.
- Queen Boudicca was his wife.
- The Romans let them rule/farm the land in return for money and trade.
- The British tribes, including the King and Queens, had to obey the Romans and do what they said. If they didn't they would be killed.

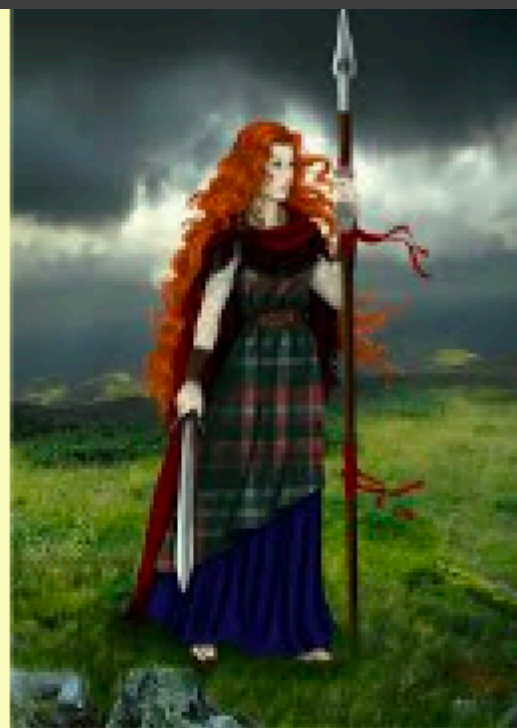


In 61 AD Prasutagus died. He had always been friendly with the Romans but his wife, Boudicca, did not agree with them.

The Romans were demanding taxes to be paid or they wanted her to give up the throne.

Boudicca decided to fight back!





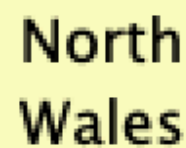
Boudicca gathered up her army and began marching South towards Colchester (the capital of Roman Britain). Many other tribes joined the Iceni.

Boudicca and her army were successful in defeating the Roman army in Colchester. So they began marching to Londonium. Again they were successful in defeating the Roman army there.

Part of the Roman army were in Exeter, but the Roman general there was too frightened to move when he heard about the rebellion.

But...

The rest of the Roman army was with the Roman Governor trying to conquer North Wales. When they heard the news they turned around and began marching back to the South of Britain to meet Boudicca and her army.



Exeter

London



Watling Street

Boudicca and her army met the Romans in the Midlands, where a fierce battle took place; known as **'The Battle of Watling Street'**

Boudicca had ten times as many soldiers than the Romans, but the Romans were well trained.

The Romans eventually defeated Boudicca and her army.

Boudicca was captured by the Romans, but rather than stay in captivity Boudicca drank poison and died.

After Boudicca's rebellion Britain was mostly peaceful under Roman rule. People enjoyed living in Roman-style towns with baths and shops and they spoke Latin.

YOUR TASK: create a comic strip to tell the Boudicca's story.



Can you identify the key events from Boudicca's story?

Date: _____

Name: _____

WALT: I understand the Celts resisted the Roman invasion and the role Boudicca played in the revolt.

How do you feel about
understanding how the Celts
resisted the invasion and
Boudicca's role?

