

Roman Britain
CLCV 340/HIST 360 2017
EXAM I: Study Guide

SHORT RESPONSE

PRE-ROMAN (IRON-AGE) BRITAIN: hillfort, Maiden Castle, lifestyle, Pytheas

CAESAR: 5 reasons for invasion, Commius, Cassivellaunus, Mandubracius

INTERIM: CAESAR TO CLAUDIUS: Verica/Berikos, Tasciovanus, Cunobolinus, Adminius, Togodumnus/Cogidubnus, Prasutagus, Strabo

CLAUDIUS: Dio Cassius, Atrebatas, Camulodunum, Victory arch, Fishbourne

RESISTANCE: Silures, Caratacus, Brigantes, Cartimandua, Claudian propaganda re. Caratacus, Icenii, Prasutagus, Boudicca, Trinovantes, Decianus Catus

AGRICOLA: Tacitus, Caledonia, Mons Graupius, Calgacus

HADRIAN: *Scriptores Historiae Augustae*, Flavius Cerialis, Vindolanda Tablets, Hadrian's Wall (infrastructure, expense), Hadrian's building program (imperial and Britain)

SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS AND HIS DYNASTY: Maecatae, division into two provinces

3RD CENTURY CRISIS: Gallic Empire, Postumus, Victorinus, Tetricus, Aurelianus, invasions (Franks and Saxons), Caledonian confederation

4TH CENTURY IMBROGLIO: Diocletian's reorganization of the empire, division of Britain into 4 provinces, Carausius, Allectus, Saxon Shore, *Notitia Dignitatum*, Constantius Chlorus, Asclepiodotus, Constantine I (the Great), Constantine II (340), Constans (342), Magnentius, Paulus, Julian (the Apostate), Lupicinus, Barbarian conspiracy of 367, Valentinian, Theodosius I, Theodosius (the emperor, son of the previous), Magnus Maximus, Honorius and Stilicho, Constantine III

FOR THE FOLLOWING EMPERORS AND USURPERS: *have a good sense of general frontier policy and why they went to Britain, policy and events in Britain, major battle, policy changes, and limes (borders), rough dates are a good idea.*

Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Vespasian, Domitian, Trajan, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, Commodus, Pertinax, Clodius Albinus, Septimius Severus, Constantius Chlorus, Constantine I (the Great), Constantine II (340), Constans (342), Magnentius, Julian (the Apostate), Valentinian, Theodosius (the emperor), Magnus Maximus, Constantine III

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GOVERNORS: *be able to connect the following governors with their emperors and indicate, briefly, what occurred or what they accomplished in Britain:*

Aulus Plautius, Ostorius Scapula, Aulus Didius Gallus, Quintus Veranius, Suetonius Paulinus, Agricola, Aulus Platorius Nepos, Sextus Julius Severus, Q. Lollius Urbicus, Ulpius Marcellus, Virius Lupus, Alfenus Senecio

SHORT RESPONSE (NOT QUITE AN ESSAY—ONE PARAGRAPH):

progressive barbarianism, socio-political connections between Gaul and Britain, *Britannicus* as an honorific title (Claudius, Septimius Severus, Diocletian, Constantius Chlorus, Constantine, symbolic resonance of ocean conquered, representations of Boudicca in Tacitus (*Annales*) vs Dio Cassius, Boudicca vs Cartimandua, Vespasian's "role" in Claudian conquest of Britain, *Agricola*: biography vs history, paired speeches, Agricola's program of Romanization, Romanization in general, Gallic empire, cultural and military shifts in late Roman Britain and how these affect the course of events (army/*comitatus*, Christianity, Germanization), Barbarian conspiracy of 367

SLIDE IDENTIFICATION AND DISCUSSION: *Be able to discuss*

coin legends (Celtic/Romanized iconography/legends on early British issues, legends and iconography on Roman imperial coin issues, be able to recognize busts of emperors listed above, statue of Boudicca

MAPS: *Be able to locate the following sites on a map of Britain/western Europe:*

Hadrian's Wall, Antonine Wall, Londonium, Camulodunum (Colchester), Eboracum (York), Fishbourne, the territory of the Silures, Iceni, Brigantes, Trinovantes, Saxon Shore

DATES: *Be able to discuss the significance of the following dates as regards the Roman province(s) of Britain:*

55/54 BCE, 40 CE, 43 CE, 47 CE, 51 CE, 60/61 CE, 77-84 CE, 84 CE, 122 CE, 143 CE, 208-211 CE, 260-274 CE, 314 CE (?), 306 CE, 367 CE, 410 CE

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ESSAY (due March 2 by 12:30 pm, typed, double spaced, hard copies, please. Use generous citations to primary sources, double check your dates and facts, and run the spell checker)

BRITAIN: VANITY PROJECT OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

In the imagination of Roman writers, Britain remained the outpost of Empire, a dangerous place, reached only by means of a treacherous ocean crossing, but whose rewards included military glory and political distinction. Discuss this idea in a 5-paragraph essay. You may focus on any of the following:

- legitimate emperors who came to Britain after their ascension (Claudius, Hadrian, Antoninus Pius, Septimius Severus, Constantius Chlorus, Julian)
- legitimate emperors who “got their start” in Britain (Vespasian, Pertinax, Clodius Albinus, Caracalla, Constantine the great)
- usurpers proclaimed in Britain (Carausius, Allectus, Magnentius, Magnus Maximus, Constantine III)
- the use of Britain in imperial propaganda/panegyric (Augustus, Caligula, Claudius, Vespasian, Constantius Chlorus, Constantine the Great)

The imperial lists above may not be exhaustive, nor are you expected to discuss each of the emperors. A judicious selection will suffice. Please also note that Julius Caesar **was not** an emperor