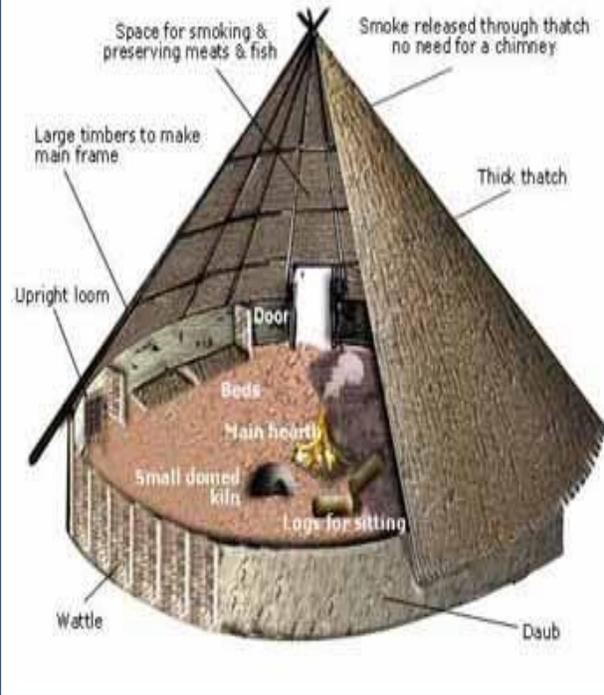


Before the Romans came to Britain, much of the land was covered in forests, mountains and woodland. People's homes were called roundhouses and were made of wattle and daub with a thatched roof. People lived in small groups called **tribes**. The collection of people who lived in Britain before the Roman **invasion** were called the **Celts**. **Tribes** were ruled over by a **chieftain** who could be male or female. Boudicca was the most famous **chieftain** of the Roman period due to her rebellion against the Romans in 61 CE. As leader of the **Iceni tribe**, she led them to many victorious battles before being defeated by the Roman army at Watling Street.

Life in Britain before the Roman Invasion.

This is a Celtic roundhouse.



There were many different tribes in Britain before the Roman Invasion. This map shows the names of some of the tribes and which parts of southern Britain they controlled.



Key Vocabulary

archaeology - the study of human life from the past by digging up artefacts.

Boudicca - the most famous leader of the Iceni tribe.

chieftain - the leader of a tribe of people.

Empire - a group of countries ruled by the leader of one of the countries, often as an Emperor, Queen or King.

daub - a mixture of mud, clay, straw and animal dung.

Iceni - a tribe in East England. Boudicca was the most famous leader.

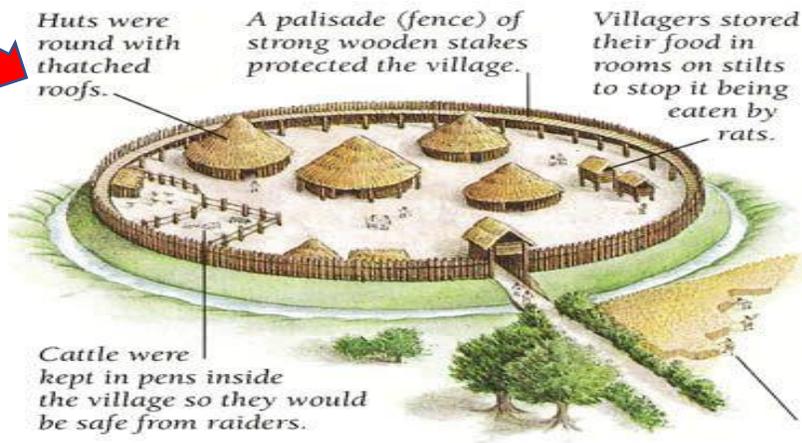
invade - to enter as an enemy by force. The Romans first tried to invade Britain in 43 CE

settle - to move to a place and make it your home. The Romans invaded Britain and then settled there.

tribe - a group of people, families, or villages that share the same language, social customs, and ancestors.

wattle - a wooden lattice used to build walls and fences.

This picture gives you an idea of how a few roundhouses would have been positioned within a small village or settlement.



These are the most important dates you need to remember.

55 BCE



Julius Caesar first invades Britain but is forced to return home.

CE 43



The Roman army lands in England.

CE 61



Boudicca rebels against the Romans.