

### **Year 3: Week 4 History**

L.I. To know where the Romans invaded and why  
Success Criteria:

I can give reasons to explain why Hadrian's Wall was built  
I can recall facts about Hadrian's Wall



### **Hadrian's Wall**

Task: Use the links below to research about Hadrian's wall and to write an explanation about why the wall was built and how the wall protected some of Britain from being invaded.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zhq76sg>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Hadrians-Wall/603149>

#### **Think about:**

Did the Roman army conquer all of the British Isle?

How did Hadrian's wall protect some of Britain from being invaded?

**Key Vocabulary:** Britain, conquer, invade, protect, Roman, Roman Empire, Hadrian's Wall

**Challenge:** If you were to build a wall and could only include one feature from Hadrian's wall, which feature would it be and why?

## **Hadrian's Wall: Facts**

### **How long was Hadrian's Wall?**

It was 117 kilometers (73 miles) long across the narrow neck of England, from the North Sea to the Irish Sea. (see map)

### **How wide and high was Hadrian's Wall?**

The wall was eight to ten feet wide and fifteen feet high.

### **When did the Romans build Hadrian's Wall?**

The Romans began building the wall in 122 A.D.

### **Why did the Romans build Hadrian's Wall?**

The Romans built it because they were afraid that the people of the north might attack them. The wall was built between Roman Britain and Scotland.

### **How long did it take to build Hadrian's Wall?**

It took about 14 years to complete Hadrian's Wall. The largest structure ever made by the Romans.

### **Who built Hadrian's Wall?**

Hadrian's Wall was built on the orders of the Roman emperor Hadrian. It was constructed by three legions of soldiers.

### **Who was Emperor Hadrian?**

Hadrian was born in Rome in A.D. 76. He became Emperor of Rome in A.D. 117 and ruled for 21 years until A.D. 138.

Hadrian came to visit Britain in A.D. 122, one of the many stops on a tour of the western provinces of the Roman Empire. His mission was to strengthen the defences along the northern Roman Empire. It is likely that during this visit that he ordered the construction of the Wall.