

# Aim

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## Success Criteria

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- I can write in role to show I understand how the Roman empire might have affected different people.

## Setting the Scene



The year is AD 60. The Romans have occupied Britain for 17 years. Many Celtic tribes have managed to continue to live in much the same way they always did, making deals with the Romans to leave them in peace.

However, a major rebellion is about to take place which will affect the lives of many people, Celts and Romans alike.

You are going to examine the events and act in role to show how different people would have been affected.



**Aileen** Roman Slave



**Milo** Roman Soldier



**Rastus** Roman Trader



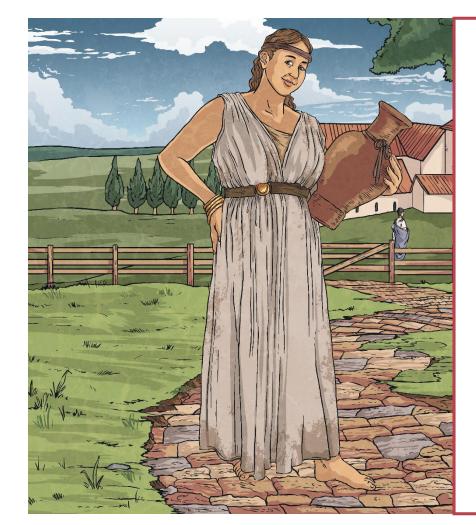
**Paulinus** Roman Governor



**Boudicca** Celtic Queen

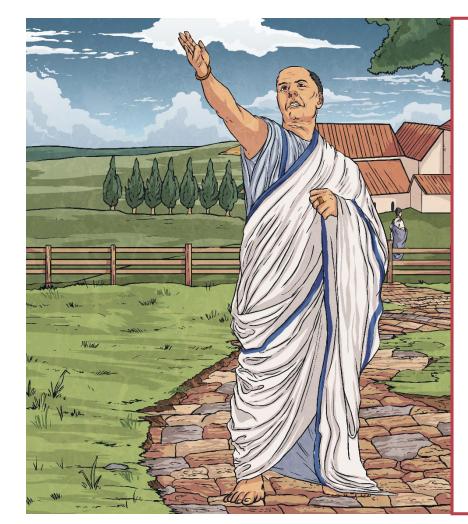


**Drest** Celtic Farmer



#### Aileen: Roman Slave

- Aileen was captured in a battle in Gaul. She now lives in Colchester.
- She belongs to the Roman governor, Paulinus. She is his property.
- She spends all day serving Paulinus's family, which is hard work.
- She would like to escape and go back to Gaul, but if she gets caught she will be killed.



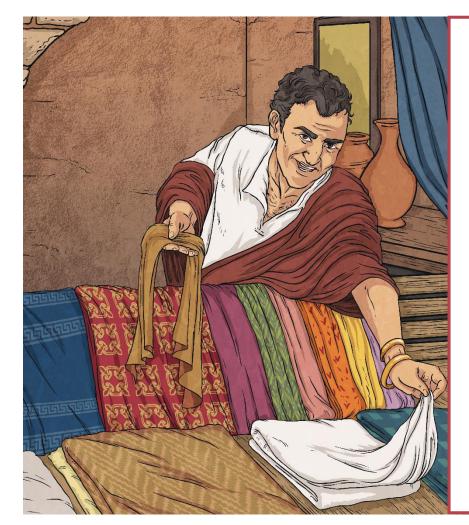
#### Paulinus: Roman Governor

- Paulinus was a great soldier and a general before he was made governor.
- The Emperor sent him to rule over Roman Britain.
- He is very loyal to the Emperor and the Roman empire.
- He was born in Rome and now lives in Colchester, the new Roman town.



#### Milo: Roman Soldier

- Milo is a legionary.
- He was born in Rome.
- Milo hasn't done much fighting yet, apart from in training.
- He has been warned that the Celts are violent people but they seem quite friendly to him.



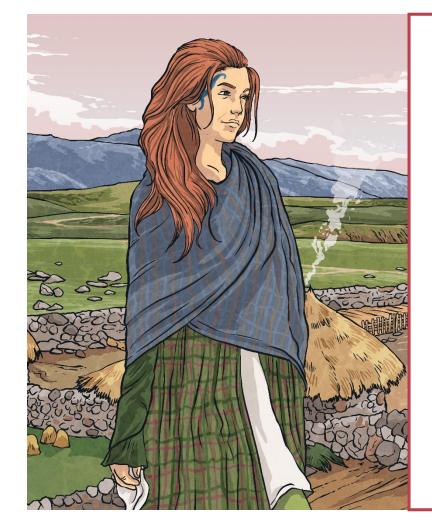
#### Rastus: Roman Trader

- Rastus is from Rome.
- He travels around the Roman empire selling his fabrics.
- He likes selling to rich Celts as well as Romans.



#### **Drest: Celtic Farmer**

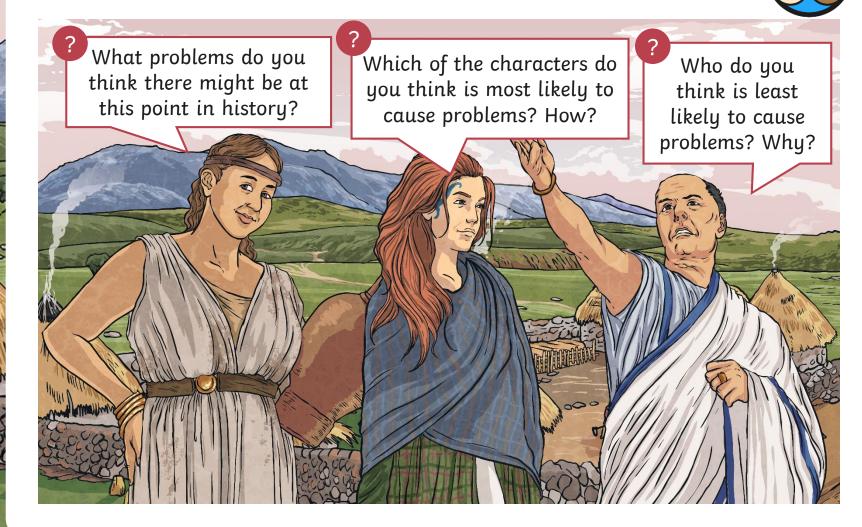
- Drest has lived in the same place with the Iceni people all his life, like his parents did.
- He works hard on his farm to grow crops and keep animals.
- He likes to live a peaceful life.
- He is loyal to the king and queen of the Iceni.



#### **Boudicca: Celtic Queen**

- With her husband, King Prasutagus, Boudicca rules over the Iceni.
- She lives in south-east England.
- She is very rich and likes being able to buy from traders.
- She has two daughters.
- Boudicca and the rest of the tribe have continued their Celtic life since the Romans have arrived. There has been no fighting.

# **Different Perspectives**

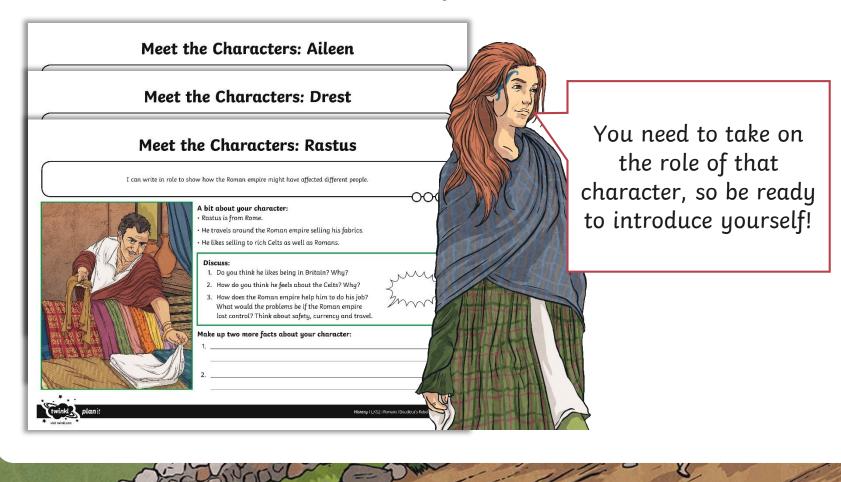


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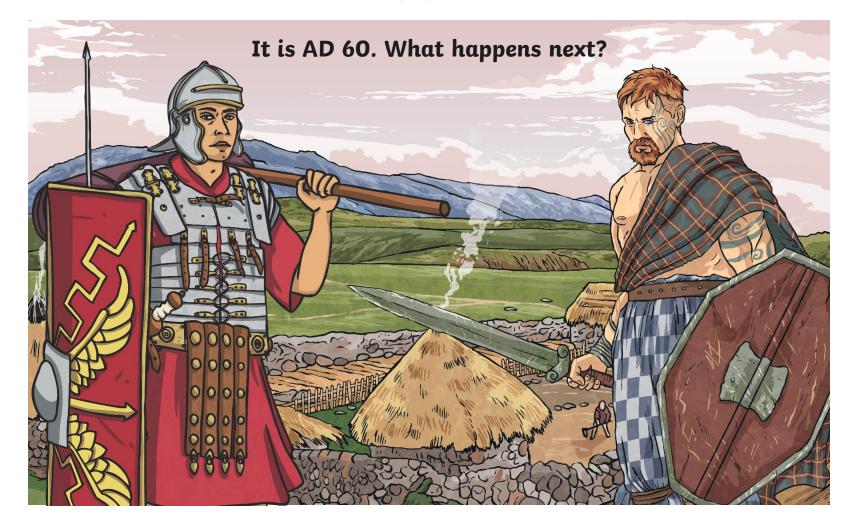
# **Getting into Character**



In your group, read about your character, discuss the questions and decide on two more 'facts' about them.



## What Happens Next?



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# The Death of Prasutagus



Prasutagus dies. Boudicca is now ruling the Iceni on her own. Paulinus decides that the Iceni need to start paying taxes. When they refuse, the Romans hurt Boudicca and her daughters. The Iceni love their queen and they are not happy about her being hurt or about having to pay taxes.

## Remember to stay in your characters.

- 1. Has this affected you?
- 2. What are you going to do?
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# **The Destruction Begins**

Paulinus takes the Roman army to Wales. Milo is about to experience his first proper fighting as the Romans attack Anglesey. Boudicca asks all the men in the Iceni (including Drest) to form an army and, with other tribes, she marches down to the Roman town of Colchester. There is a battle, in which the town is destroyed and many people are killed. Boudicca moves on to London and St Albans and destroys those towns as well. Some of the people in London were warned to run and Rastus manages to leave in time, but others were killed when the fighting started. Aileen escapes during the fighting and joins Boudicca's army to march north and fight the Romans.



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# The Final Battle



Paulinus brings the Roman army back from Wales to fight Boudicca's army. There are ten times as many Celts and they are feeling confident. The Roman army is very well trained in fighting though, and they win the battle. Many thousands of people die. The Roman empire has survived.



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# **Reflecting on Events**



Now it is all over, it is time to reflect on the events and how they affected the different characters.

#### Discuss the following questions with your partner:

- 1. Which character do you think will be pleased with the outcome?
- 2. Will any of the characters have regrets about how things have turned out?
- 3. What do you think the characters will do now?

# Writing in Role

You are going to write in role as your character to reflect on the events of the rebellion and explain how you were affected. Remember to imagine that you are the character and tell about the events from your character's point of view.

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		5. How did Tiber win the final battle? How do you feel about how it all ended?

# **Rebellion Reflections**

# One person will be chosen to represent each character and read their reflection on the rebellion.

Listen carefully: how has the person reading shown how their character was affected by the events of the rebellion?



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