

# OSPREY SIGNPOST 63

## LITERACY TASK

Read the information about the Romans Retreat from Britain, and then answer the questions.

## Creative TASK

Make your own Roman Standard. If you're stuck, use the instructions attached to help you.



## MATHS TASK

Have a look at the how to add fractions video. Then, have a go at completing the challenge attached.

## Spanish TASK

Have a look at the Spanish video/task left for you by Mrs Millington. Enjoy the Disney Songs in Spanish video.



Upload your work to Google Classroom or ask a parent to email your work for Miss McGinty

### Links:

Maths –

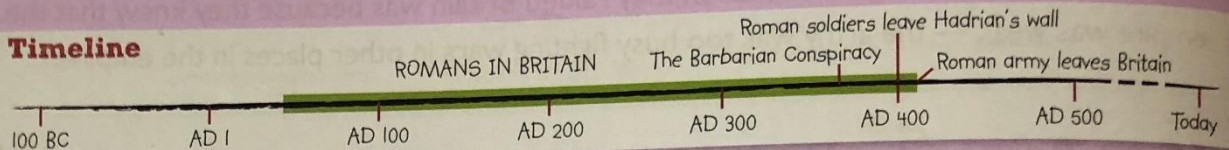
[http://www.meldreth.cambs.sch.uk/web/home\\_learning\\_videos/467114](http://www.meldreth.cambs.sch.uk/web/home_learning_videos/467114)

Spanish -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JDHirYiH3A&list=PLE3265BD74093B916>

# The Romans Retreat

## Timeline



From AD 250 to AD 367, the attacks on Britain were becoming more serious. Until then the separate raiders had not worked together. However, in the winter of AD 367, the raiders attacked at the same time — this is known as 'The Barbarian Conspiracy'.

*Do you think this made the attack more successful? Why?*

## The Barbarian Conspiracy

The **Scots** from Ireland attacked western Britain and the **Picts** from Scotland attacked Hadrian's wall. Some of the Roman soldiers based there deserted the army and joined the Picts as they forced through the gates. At the same time, **Saxon** raiders attacked and pushed past the forts on the coastline and headed into the southern cities. Spies that were supposed to inform the Romans of attacks, also decided to **rebel** and joined the Saxons.

*What do you think is happening in this picture?*



*Why do you think the Roman soldiers turned against the army?*



## Rebelling and raiding

The Roman soldiers started to rebel because of their poor food and poor pay. Many slaves took this as their chance to escape. They grouped together to burn down farms and villas and robbed and killed the people who lived there. Britain was in chaos.

*What do you think the Roman leaders did about this?*

## A downward spiral

The Roman emperor of the time, Valentinian, sent some commanders to bring order back to Britain. Eventually the invaders were driven out and Hadrian's wall was re-strengthened.

However, over the next 40 years, things became worse and worse in the Roman Empire — it couldn't pay its soldiers or feed its people and it was being attacked from many different points.

Around AD 400, the Roman army left Hadrian's wall for the last time. By AD 410, the Roman army had left Britain.

*How do you think the people in Britain felt about this?*

After the Roman army left, the raiders moved in. This time the people of Britain didn't have anyone to help them defend themselves.



## Saying farewell to Britain

The attack by many groups of raiders on Britain had a big effect on the Romans.

Many soldiers were fed-up and joined the attackers instead of fighting them.

Eventually the Roman army was called back to Rome leaving Britain to fend for itself...



## The Romans Retreat

The Barbarian Conspiracy happened in the winter of AD 367.

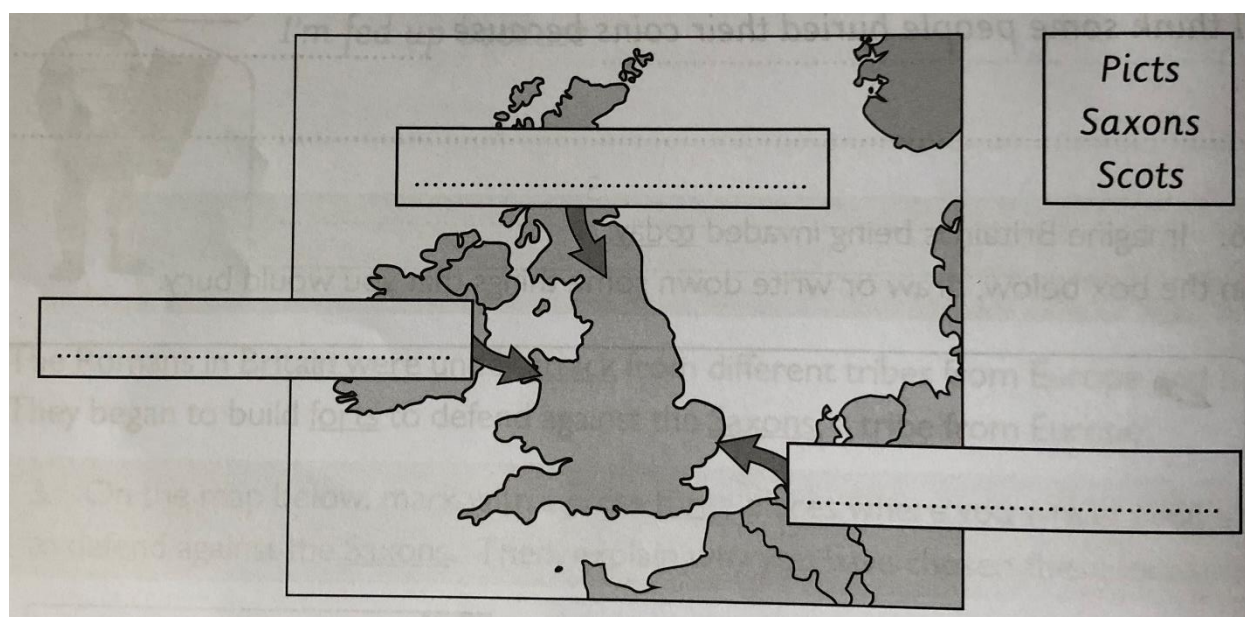
Use the first page of information to help you answer these questions:

1. Tick the statement below that best describes what happened during the Barbarian Conspiracy.

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	The raiding tribes attacked at the same time.
	The raiding tribes attacked at different times.
	The raiding tribes attacked each other.

The map below shows where the tribes attacked from the Barbarian Conspiracy.

2. Fill in the labels on the map to show the direction each tribe attacked from.  
Use the names of the tribes from the box.



3. How do you think you would have felt if you lived in Britain at this time?

I would have felt \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Look at this picture of a Roman villa. In the box, draw what the villa might have looked like after the Barbarian Conspiracy.



After the Barbarian Conspiracy, many slaves escaped, formed groups and started destroying Roman buildings in Britain.

Use the second page of information to complete the following questions.

5. Around when did the Roman army leave Hadrian's Wall? Circle your answer.

AD 50

AD 100

AD 313

AD 400

200 BC

By AD 410, the Roman army had left Britain altogether.

6. Do you think this was the right thing or the wrong thing for the Romans to have done? Explain your answer.

I think this was the \_\_\_\_\_ thing for the Romans to have done because \_\_\_\_\_

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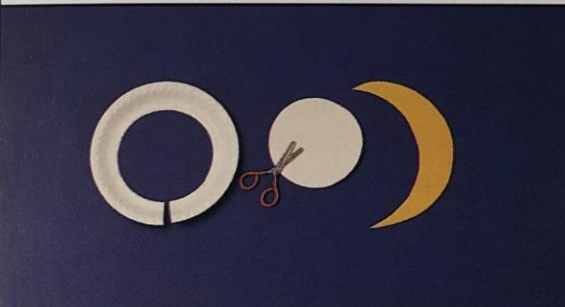


## MAKE A ROMAN STANDARD

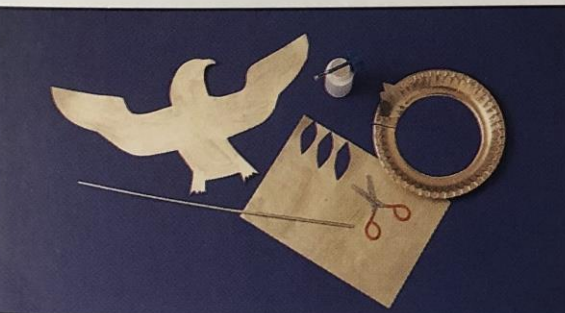


- ▲ 1. Draw an eagle shape like this on a piece of card and cut it out carefully. It should be about twice as wide as the paper plate.

2. Draw round the paper plate on to card to make a crescent shape and cut it out.

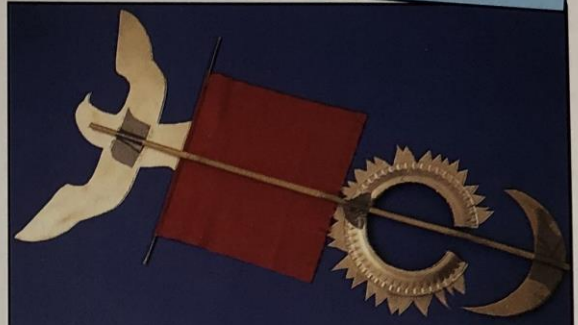


- ▲ 3. Carefully cut the flat middle from the paper plate, making sure to cut the outer ring in only one place.



- ▲ 4. Paint all the cut-out pieces and the pot-plant stake gold. Paint a piece of paper gold on both sides and cut out lots of leaf shapes. Stick them on to the ring from the paper plate to make a laurel wreath.

**You will need:** a garden cane at least 1 metre long • cardboard • a pencil • a pot-plant stake • a paper plate • paper • a piece of red or purple cloth • scissors • sticky tape or glue • gold paint



- ▲ 5. Hang the red or purple cloth from the pot-plant stake. You can fray the bottom edge and paint it to make a gold fringe if you like. Use sticky tape to fix all the pieces one under the other on the cane.

