

The Birth of Britain

Sir Winston Churchill

Lesson 1

READ

Parent

Read chapter 1 (pages 3-17) or skim if time is limited.

Print the prehistoric map of England here:

http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~cheps/school/maps/england_prehistoric.jpg

and the Map of Roman Britain here:

http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~cheps/school/maps/roman_britain.jpg

Student

Read chapter 1 of Birth of Britain. Write any words you do not understand in your History Journal. Write down any place locations (ex. Gaul) and note any additional descriptions the author includes (ex. fertile, marshland, rocky). Write down any people the author mentions and include any characteristics such as titles (Caesar, Lord/Lady), place of birth (native of these parts, France), as well as occupations (Abbot, prior, palmer).

LEARN

Lookup and define the following vocabulary/terms:

Julius Caesar Procounsul
Druids

Write any additional words you do not know in your History Journal.

DISCOVER

Locate the following places: Gaul, Germany, English Channel, Rome.

Enter the time period for this chapter as 55 B.C. on your timeline or Book of Centuries.

SHARE

Summarize this chapter either orally or in writing. Try to recall as many important details as possible.

COPYWORK

"In the summer of the Roman year 699, now described as the year 55 before the birth of Christ, the Proconsul of Gaul, Gaius Julius Caesar, turned his gaze upon Britain." chapter 1, pg. 3

EXAM QUESTIONS (student answers will vary)

1. On a map of England, identify where the the Roman fleet landed in 55 B.C.

The Roman fleet sailed towards the white cliffs of Dover but found the area unsuitable for landing. They sailed 7 miles north and landed between Deal and Walmer.

2. Tell as much as you can about the early Britons. What was the land like (hint see page 13)

The early Britons were described as living in tribes. They tilled the soil, had cattle, used money (bronze or gold coins). The land was covered in timber. The Britons in the interior were skins and dye their bodies with woad so they turn blue.

3. Who was Cassivellaunus?

Cassivellaunus was the British chief who led the Briton's against the Roman invasion.

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