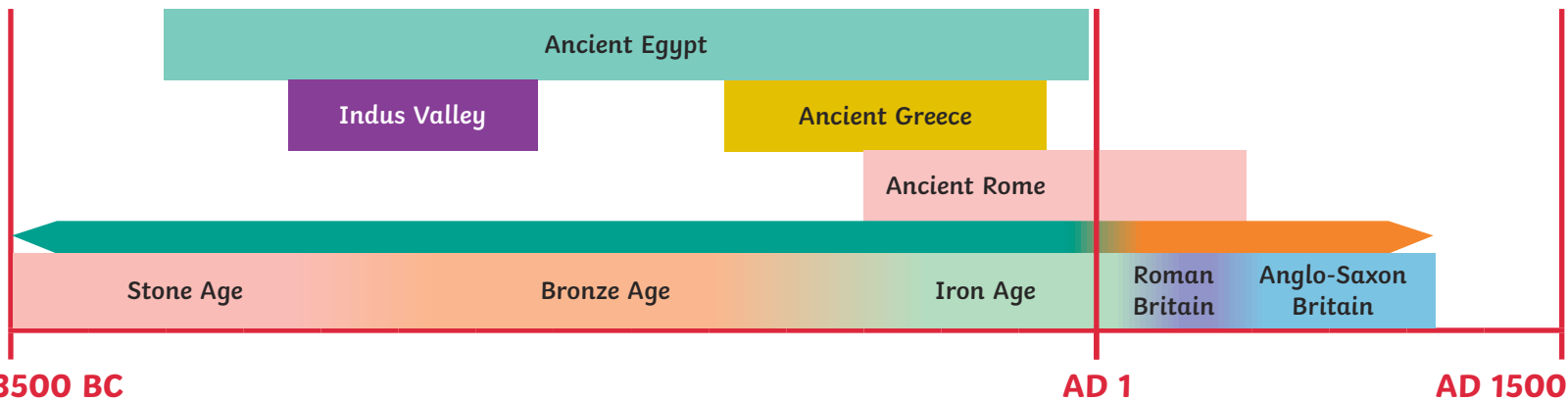


The Romans



753 BC	The city of Rome is founded.
55 BC and 54 BC	Julius Caesar attempts to conquer Britain but fails.
AD 43	The Romans conquer Britain.
AD 60	Boudicca, queen of the Iceni tribe, rebels against the Romans.
c. AD 70	The Romans build the city of Bath, famous for its bathhouses.
AD 122	Emperor Hadrian orders the construction of Hadrian's Wall.
AD 410	Roman rule in Britain comes to an end.

The Roman Empire



Nearly 3000 years ago, the first Romans lived in Italy. They founded the city of Rome in 753 BC and went on to conquer many more lands to create a huge **empire**.

The Roman Invasion of Britain

The Roman General, Julius Caesar, had tried and failed to conquer Britain in 55 and 54 BC.

Nearly 100 years later, Emperor Claudius ordered the **conquest** of Britain. He sent a much larger army than Caesar had taken and the Romans conquered Britain in AD 43.



The Romans

Key Vocabulary

Celts	People living in Britain in tribes, including the Icenii, Brigantes and Catuvellauni.
citizen	A person with all the rights and protections of a nation or land. In the Roman Empire, only citizens were able to vote.
conquest	Taking control of a place by force, often with an army.
emperor	The ruler of an empire.
empire	A group of countries controlled by one ruler (emperor or empress) or government.
legion	A large section of the Roman army, made up of around 5000 soldiers.
rebellion	An uprising or revolt by people who want to challenge what they believe is unfair treatment by rulers.
Roman Empire	The name used for the land that was controlled by the Romans, including large parts of Europe plus parts of North Africa and West Asia.

Queen Boudicca

Some **Celtic** Britons rebelled against the Roman rule in Britain. Queen Boudicca led a large **rebellion** to attack Roman cities. Her army destroyed Colchester and London but were eventually defeated at the Battle of Watling Street.



Hadrian's Wall



In AD 122, **Emperor** Hadrian ordered the construction of a huge wall that spanned the width of the country. It was used to mark the border of Roman-controlled Britain.

Roman Innovations and Imports



The Romans brought many innovations with them to Britain. They improved roads across the country and built new towns and cities, including Bath. They also introduced domesticated cats to Britain.

