

The Romans Leaving – A Period of Rapid change - Hard

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Explain why the Romans left Britain:

The Romans left Britain because:

- They were under a _____ from different tribes.
- R_____ was being attacked and they wanted to d_____ it.
- They didn't like the w_____ in Br_____, or the f_____.

Who were the Britons and how did they feel about the Romans leaving?

The Britons were a tr_____ that were defended by the R_____. When the Romans left, they were not h_____ because there was no-one left to d_____ them from the other t_____.



Who were the Picts and what effect did the Romans leaving have on them?

The P_____ were a tr_____ that had always wanted p_____ over Britain. When the Romans l_____, they saw it as a chance to att_____. They were fearsome fig_____ but their weapons weren't very g_____.

How did the Romans departure affect the Anglo-Saxons?

The Anglo-S_____ had just arrived in Britain. They wanted f_____ land and somewhere to build their h_____. They saw an opportunity when the R_____ left to claim land and po_____.



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Fill in the speech bubble to represent how each group was feeling at the time of the rapid change.



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Blank writing area for the Briton's response, consisting of five horizontal lines.



Blank writing area for the Pict warrior's response, consisting of five horizontal lines.

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The Romans Leaving – A Period of Rapid change - Extra Hardest

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Link these words or phrases together.

The Romans were called home by their leader.

The Anglo-Saxons thought that there would be more resources in Britain to make them richer.

The Romans had better weapons than the Picts.

The Britons worshipped many different gods.

The Romans thought the weather would be better in Rome.

The Romans knew more people back in Rome.

Economical

Geographical

Religious

Technological

Social

Political

“When the Romans left, they left a power vacuum in Britain.”

Explain what that means in the context of the time.

Define 2 of the terms from the previous section:



The Romans were called back to defend Rome and other parts of the Roman Empire. Also:

"Just one more week of marching, then it's off to Rome for me! I've had seven years up here on Hadrian's Wall - the most wretched place in the Roman Empire. Every day it rains and the Britons eat the most disgusting porridge. And don't even get me started on the Picts - those uncivilised Celtic fighters on the other side of the wall!"

"It's funny the way we've got used to having the Romans around. Of course, I've heard the old tales of how we battled to keep them out of our country. But now, three centuries on, they don't seem so bad. And certainly the Romans have been good to me. I've got a lovely farm and I can sell my wool and grain all over the Empire.

We've got a peaceful way of life, but now that's all in danger and the Romans are leaving us to face the invaders alone. Where's the great Roman army when we need it?"



"We've been waiting for our chance for a long, long time. Ever since the Romans drove us from our lands, we've been biding our time, ready to strike. But now the Romans are leaving. While the Britons - who used to be our kin, but now look just like the Romans - are fighting off new invaders. So this is our chance to strike."

"Greetings! I've just arrived by boat from Saxony, looking for land in this country. I've heard it's a wealthy place with plenty of farming land. And whatever happens, I'm willing to take the chance.

There's nothing left for me back home - my brothers have grabbed every scrap of land for themselves."



Economical

To do with money or resources.

Geographical

To do with the area you live in, for example Italy is very hot as it's near the equator.

Religious

Gods, rituals.

Technological

How good your tools are.

Social

To do with other people around you.

Political

To do with leadership and power

A power vacuum:

Because the Romans had a good army, they were able to keep a pretty good grip on Britain and keep law and order. They fought off any attackers and invaders. When they left, power was up for grabs for anyone, which meant there was going to be a lot of conflict. The Picts and the Anglo-Saxons were all interested in being in charge.