

Who was Boudicca?

Boudicca was the ruler of a Celtic tribe called the Iceni.

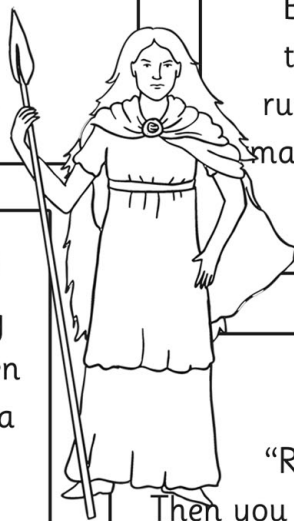
The Iceni lived in Norfolk.

Prasutagus and the Roman Agreement

When the Romans came they let Boudicca's husband stay as ruler of his tribe. When he died Boudicca became ruler but the Romans stole from the tribe, made people slaves and they had Boudicca and her daughters whipped.

What did Boudicca look like?

Boudicca was tall and had long red hair. She wore a large golden necklace, a colourful tunic, and a thick cloak held together by a brooch. She had a loud voice and could give you an angry look.



Famous Speech

"Remember why you are fighting. Then you will win this battle or die. Let the men live as slaves if they want. I won't!"

The Rebellion

While the Roman Governor was away, Boudicca and her army attacked the Roman rulers. They destroyed the capital city of Roman Britain, which is now Colchester.

Attack on Londinium

The Roman Governor tried to get everyone to leave London before Boudicca got there with her army.

Boudicca and her army destroyed London and St Albans.

Over seventy thousand people were killed.



Defeat

The Roman army beat Boudicca and her army in the battle of Watling Street. No one knows what happened to Boudicca. She might have killed herself when she lost the battle, or died after getting ill.

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Read the information sheet and answer these questions in full sentences.

1. Which tribe was Boudicca in?
2. Where did she live?
3. In her speech, what does Boudicca say the men can do if they want?
4. Which three cities did Boudicca and her army destroy?
5. What kind of a person do you think Boudicca was? What clues can you get from the text?
6. Many people died in the battles. Do you think Boudicca was right to fight the Romans?
7. If the Romans hadn't hurt Boudicca and her daughters, do you think Boudicca would have been happy living alongside the Romans? Why?

