

Boudicca's rebellion



Can I explain if Boudicca was a villain or a hero? (Can I address a historical question?)

- Understand how Boudicca fought back against the Romans.
- Understand how different people can have different points of view

Setting the Scene



The year is AD 60. The Romans have occupied Britain for 17 years. Many Celtic tribes have managed to continue to live in much the same way they always did, making deals with the Romans to leave them in peace.

However, a major rebellion is about to take place which will affect the lives of many people, Celts and Romans alike.

You are going to examine the events, watching various videos, then read some newspaper articles.

Important words

- *Revolt* = stand up against a government
- *Rebellion* = uprising, refusing to follow orders
- *Historical source* = documents, objects and paintings from long ago.

Historical sources

- This is a painting of Queen Boudicca. What do you think is happening?



Who was Queen Boudicca?

- Watch the Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SWSTJZXuIU&t=9s>

The Battle of Watling Street

Boudicca's revolt or rebellion is also known as The Battle of Watling Street.

Watch this

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5>

(stop after five minutes)

Or this

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kw>



Boudica - hero or villain?

- The reports we have found about the battle at Watling Street were written by a Roman called Tacitus, years after the battle. Do you think they are reliable sources?
- Tacitus' father in law had fought in Britain three times and was a military tribune under Tacitus. Does this fact make the report more or less reliable?

Boudicca - hero or villain?

Which of these newspaper headlines would have been used by the Romans and which one by the Celts?

Explain your reasons.

THE DAILY BUGLE

Summer 61 AD 5 Denari

**BRAVE BOUDICA BEATEN IN
FINAL BATTLE**

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**BARBARIAN BOUDICA
FINALLY FINISHED OFF**

Boudica - hero or villain?

Decide if you think Boudica was a hero or villain (or maybe both). Write why you think this. Use the sentences below to help you.

*I think Boudica was a because...
(and, also, furthermore, secondly).*

*I think Boudica was a hero when but she
was also a villain because*