

Boudicca

Iron Age British Queen (61 A.D.)

Why not colour her in?

The Iron Age British loved colourful clothes so have fun.

She's a queen, so her clothes will be very rich-looking.

Why not put a design on her shield?

Name _____

Class _____

Boudicca was queen of the *Iceni* tribe (The tribe occupied a large area that now covers Norfolk and North Suffolk).

To begin with, the *Iceni* were friendly towards the Roman invaders. *Boudicca* was married to their chief, *Prasutagus*. After the Romans conquered most of Southern Britain (in AD 43)... *Prasutagus* was allowed to carry on as ruler of the *Iceni*.

But after *Prasutagus* died, the Romans took over running of the tribe and treated its nobles badly. The Romans are thought to have beaten *Boudicca* and her daughters in front of the whole tribe. In 60 A.D. (just as the Roman governor *Gaius Suetonius Paulinus* was fighting against the druids in North Wales), the *Iceni* tribe followed *Queen Boudicca* into rebellion against their Roman masters. Many other British tribes quickly joined them. *Boudicca's* rebels almost wiped out the Roman 9th Legion. But they totally destroyed the Roman town of Colchester.

They then attacked and destroyed Roman London and *Verulamium* (St Albans). Thousands of people were slaughtered and eventually *Gaius Suetonius Paulinus* defeated *Boudicca* in battle. Rather than face capture, it is rumoured that *Boudicca* fled and poisoned herself.

Can you label Queen Boudicca?

Use these words to help:

Spear

Lorica Hamata (ringmail body armour)

Spatha (sword)

Carbatinae (Iron age boots)

Scutum (shield)

Tunic (garment made of wool or linen, worn under the armour).

Torc (Gold necklace)

Did you know? The Iron Age British people (Some call them Celts) did not write anything down. We don't have much of an idea about what she looked like. But she is mentioned by two Roman writers, *Tacitus* and *Dio Cassius*. *Dio Cassius* describes her as tall, with fierce eyes and having long tawny (reddish brown hair) and a big gold necklace (Torc).

