

## History: The Celts and The Romans

### Success Criteria:

I can compare the Romans and the Celts

I can present by findings in a table.

Read the information below about the Celts and Romans, then complete the table at the end to compare them.

### Celts

- Before the Romans invaded Britain the Celtic tribes inhabited the island. The land was divided up into areas (a bit like it is divided into counties now) each of which was run by a different tribe. The tribes were very territorial and believed that war was a necessary part of life. This meant that there was lots of fighting between neighbouring tribes.
- The country was well into the 'Iron Age' and so metal was like money. People had learnt how to craft weapons and metal objects and these were used to trade. They traded across the English Channel with Gaul (France) and were known to be very advanced in their production of metal and metal crafts. Cornwall's tin mines were renowned and the craftsmanship all over the British Isles is still considered impressive today. It was not the case that the Celts were uncivilised or backwards as is often claimed!
- People lived off arable (farm) land on which they grew crops, such as wheat, and which they used to raise animals. They led a simple life apart from the frequent battles between tribes.



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## Roman Invasion of Britain

In 55BC The Roman general Julius Caesar tried to invade Britain. He had already successfully invaded Gaul (France) and knew it would impress Rome if he continued to invade more and more lands. He also wanted to invade Britain because the people there had tried to help Gaul fight against the Romans and he was not too happy about that. He knew that Britain contained much wealth and that if he could be the first to invade he could get his hands on lots of it.

His first attempt in 55BC and his second attempt in 54BC were both successful in that he did beat the Celtic tribes that were waiting for him on the shore. But he was unable to stay long, as his boats were destroyed in storms both times. It looks like the typical English weather saved the Brits! Julius Caesar ended up returning back home without having taken Britain.



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Activity:

Make a comparative table showing the similarities and differences of the Romans and the Celts.

Similarities	Differences