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1000 BC – AD 43

Iron Age Britons build large hill forts such as Old Oswestry and Maiden Castle.

c. 50 BC

Rome conquers Gaul (modern-day France) and now controls most of the land around the Mediterranean Sea.

AD 83

As the Roman army moves north through Britain, it defeats the Scottish Highland tribes at the Battle of Mons Graupius.

AD 367

The 'Great Conspiracy' takes place, as Irish and Germanic tribes attack Roman Britain from all sides at the same time.

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753 BC

Rome is founded. Romulus kills Remus to become the first king.

73–71 BC

The gladiator Spartacus leads a revolt against the Romans.

27 BC

Rome becomes an empire. Augustus Caesar becomes Rome's first emperor.

AD 61

As more land is seized by the Romans, Boudicca leads the Iceni tribe in a revolt against them. She ransacks the important Roman towns of Colchester and St Albans but is defeated at the Battle of Watling Street.

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509 BC

Rome becomes a republic. Rulers are now elected politicians known as senators.

AD 43

Rome invades Britain. The Iron Age hill fort of Camulodunum becomes the Roman fortress town of Colchester.

AD 122

The building of Hadrian's Wall begins.

AD 401–410

Soldiers are withdrawn from Britain to protect other parts of the Empire. The rule of Roman Britain ends.

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