

# Boudicca, Britain's Queen of the Iceni Activity Book

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### Word Bank

Roman Empire Aedui Icenii Trinovantes Dobunni  
Italy Seine Thames North Sea England  
Londinium Camulodunum Ynys Môn  
confederation Julius Caesar Nero Cartimandua legions  
queen regnant Caradog Prasutagus Buddug  
hemlock confront divided Boudicca Gallic pestle  
death enraged raped united flogged individualistic  
militias judges resistance freedom daughters victory druid

Boudicca was born in Gaul and came from the \_\_\_\_\_  
tribe that lived in central France near the \_\_\_\_\_ River. Her  
people were at one time allies to the \_\_\_\_\_  
which at that time was just a small republic in what is now  
\_\_\_\_\_. Though we call her by the Latin form of her name, she  
was probably called \_\_\_\_\_ which is the ancient British form  
of her name and still means \_\_\_\_\_ in Welsh.

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Boudicca escaped Gaul, eventually making her way to \_\_\_\_\_, formerly known as Caer Colun, the capital of the \_\_\_\_\_. There she met \_\_\_\_\_, king of the \_\_\_\_\_. They fell in love and on the shores of the \_\_\_\_\_ they married.

Life was good for Boudicca and Prasutagus. Their love gave birth to twin \_\_\_\_\_ who quickly grew strong in body and soul thanks to the help of the many \_\_\_\_\_ teachers living among the Iceni. Trained in \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ in Wales, these teachers guided the Iceni and all the tribes across Britain in native British spirituality and culture while also serving as \_\_\_\_\_.

But what the Romans disliked most about them was the way they fostered British values of \_\_\_\_\_ and independence, values that inspired leaders like \_\_\_\_\_ (known in Latin as Caratacus) to organize \_\_\_\_\_ which attacked the legions in hopes of freeing Britain from Rome once and for all.

But not everyone opposed Rome. After all, the legions were the most powerful military machine of the western world. Most tribes tried to find a compromise, including Queen \_\_\_\_\_ of the Brigantes. In 51 CE she betrayed Caratacus by handing him over to the Romans in exchange for wealth and power.

King Prasutagus too tried to compromise. In hopes of bribing the Romans into leaving the Iceni alone he made the emperor \_\_\_\_\_ co-heir with his two daughters. Sadly for the Iceni, giving half of the kingdom to Rome meant that the Romans no longer needed Prasutagus alive.

It did not take long for the Romans to march on the Iceni. With her daughters still too young to rule Boudicca took charge as \_\_\_\_\_ in accord with British and \_\_\_\_\_ custom. The Romans of course did not recognize \_\_\_\_\_ as eligible to rule in their own right. Because of this they saw the entire Iceni kingdom as rightfully belonging to them. As a result they sent very few soldiers to secure the kingdom.

Grieving and now suddenly a widow, Queen Boudicca was determined not to give her realm over to the Romans without a fight. Many Iceni died before the Romans burned her village to the ground.

But the Romans were not done. To frighten the rest of the kingdom into obedience they first \_\_\_\_\_ Boudicca's daughters, and then \_\_\_\_\_ the queen.

Instead of frightening the Iceni, it \_\_\_\_\_ them. If the Romans were willing to commit such violence against their rightful queen, how much more violence would they do against everyone else? The long \_\_\_\_\_ tribes now \_\_\_\_\_ against the Romans, making \_\_\_\_\_ their war leader. Not expecting \_\_\_\_\_ they marched to \_\_\_\_\_ to find it was barely defended. Thinking the \_\_\_\_\_ were already conquered, the Roman \_\_\_\_\_ Gaius Suetonius Paulinus had sent most of his \_\_\_\_\_ to the druid stronghold of \_\_\_\_\_, slaughtering the defenders mercilessly.

Now it was Boudicca's turn. Charging into the city, Boudicca's \_\_\_\_\_ killed all of the residents and burned the city so hotly that the stones melted. It was a glorious and unexpected victory.

More successes followed. Boudicca headed south to the Roman trading port of \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ River. Expecting Boudicca to attack there, Governor Gaius Suetonius Paulinus evacuated the most important people in the city and brought his legions northward to \_\_\_\_\_ Boudicca on a field of his own choosing.

The tactic worked. Boudicca was forced to fight the Romans on a battlefield that favoured the Roman shield wall tactic and worked against the more \_\_\_\_\_ style of fighting preferred in Britain. With the Roman victory in sight, Boudicca and her daughters retreated into the forest in search of the one weapon she could use to deny the Romans the prize they most wanted.

Pounding the white flowers with a mortar and \_\_\_\_\_ into a powder, Boudicca mixed the deadly \_\_\_\_\_ into some mead and drank deeply. Her daughters also drank deeply, achieving in \_\_\_\_\_ the freedom denied them in life.

## Word Search: Britons

# Britons (Welsh-English)

E W T I T B L C R S D R K V E K D T Z V  
P Y W R X V R O A L Y S L Y A Q B Q S R  
E M A R C U S V E T U S X M Q O D U T Y  
C R U P G S O O F J Q G F Q D X V C Z Y  
A L V S W U F U D C X L J Z V M B F G H  
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J P U Q N T F C W V B R Y N V J H P G R  
O W P V B O U H G E M X T P H R L U C S  
W H L O U N N E W Z K O X I B W C C H Z  
J V H N D I K L P Y L O D R M J V A Y I  
Q P Q P D U L Z W R V O Z W P A J R O V  
C R L F I S E S S C A G G H E O N A Z E  
L R O J G P P I W Q A S U D V N B D Z I  
C K W Q E A G U M P U O U T H O S O U X  
I Q T P S U G R I W O L D T Q Z W G R A  
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S O I R V U I D B L Y R H I X Q W S U L  
J L Q L J S E B U I U N S G K A U A U U

Suetonius Paulinus    Marcus Vetus

Cartimandua

Prasutagus

Buddig

Modwen

Alys

Caradog

# Word Search: People and Places

## People and Places

S K R C B Y J Y N Y S P R Y D A I N Q S M V I Y M  
L D E H A L Q Q V D B I Z S J F L O M J V D Q N V  
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U R R T H S J D K N I M N F P L T L J Z V W C W M  
R T Q Y Q J H N F G I Y R I E W E S W A D M T I C  
X Z H F M S B C N Z C B W G T I S L T K X W W J T  
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G T O J K E A W C D J P D Q F N S U F U D H E X A  
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D T M Z N J T I N D B T G W X Z F E Z T I Z H C E  
A E D U I P Z T G P C O Y C I W W S M X R X E Y H  
G S S M J D W F D A F K E S S O X A L Y N V S A D

Trinovantes

Caer Colun

Cymru

Camulodunum

Ynys Mon

Picts

Ynys Prydain

Iceni

Gaul

Londonium

Aedui



# Word Scramble: Heroes and Villains of the Roman Conquest

Unscramble the names of these heroes and villains from ancient Britain and from the Roman Empire.

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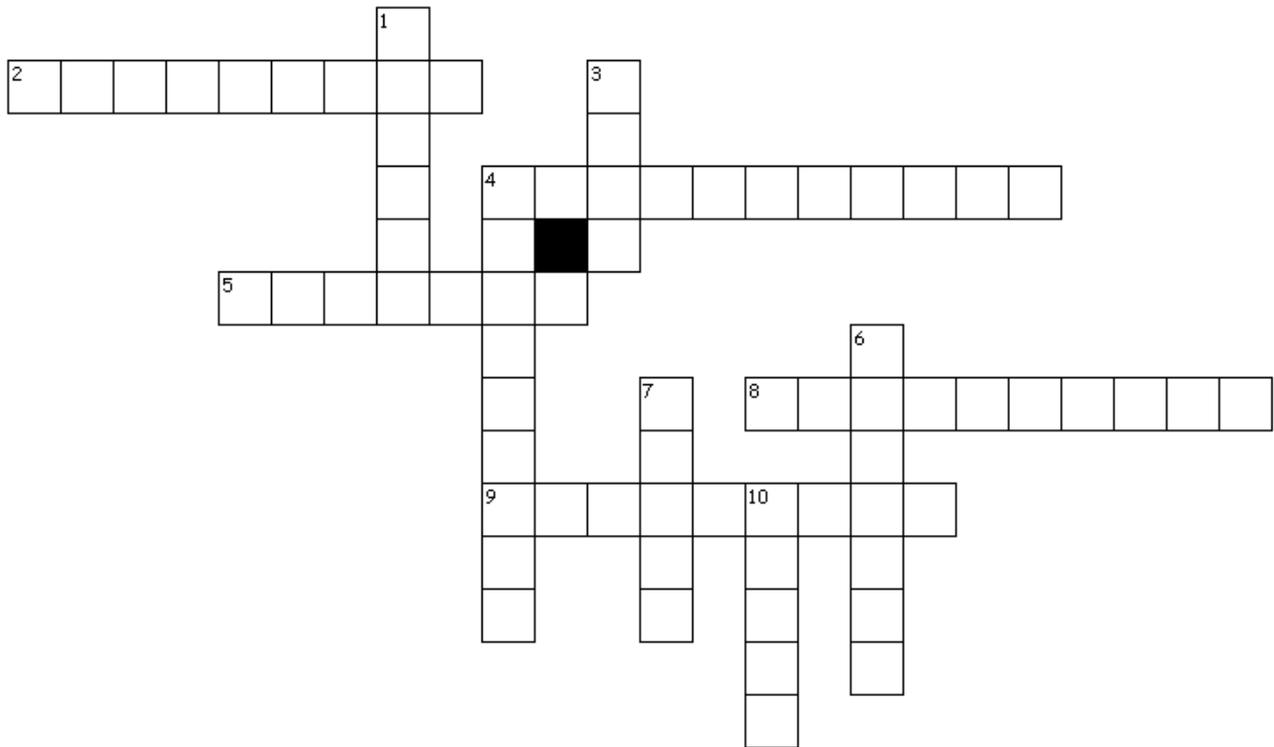
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Unscramble each of the clue words.

Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

# Crossword Puzzle Bouddica's Story



## Across

2. Known in Welsh as Caradog, this Trinovante king challenged Claudius' invasion force.
4. The Brigante queen who betrayed King Caradog.
5. How the Romans punished Boudicca for resisting the Roman seizure of the Iceni kingdom.
8. King of the Iceni murdered by the Romans
9. Built on a marshland deemed unsuitable for habitation by the Britons, the Romans built this trading port without any walls until the 3rd century CE.

## Down

1. The Romans called her Boudicca, but the Iceni actually called her \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The number of survivors from the city of Camulodunum after Boudicca's forces burned it to the ground.
4. The Trinovante capital until the future emperor Claudius made it his own.
6. The British god of war. The Roman name for modern day Colchester means "Fortress of \_\_\_\_\_."
7. The first Gallic tribe to trust the Romans and be betrayed by them.
10. Appropriately enough this legion which helped Claudius defeat Caracatus in both 43 and 51 CE was decimated by Boudicca's forces near Camulodunum.

## Answer Key

### Fill in the Blank

The correct answers appear in **bold** text

Boudicca was born in Gaul and came from the **AEDUI** tribe that lived in central France near the **SEINE** River. Her people were at one time allies to the **ROMAN EMPIRE** which at that time was just a small republic in what is now **ITALY**. Though we call her by the Latin form of her name, she was probably called **BUDDUG** which is the ancient British form of her name and still means **VICTORY** in Welsh.

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Boudicca escaped Gaul, eventually making her way to **CAMULODUNUM**, formerly known as Caer Colun, the capital of the **TRINOVANTES**. There she met **PRASUTAGUS**, king of the **ICENI**. They fell in love and on the shores of the **NORTH SEA** they married.

Life was good for Boudicca and Prasutagus. Their love gave birth to twin **DAUGHTERS** who quickly grew strong in body and soul thanks to the help of the many **DRUID** teachers living among the Iceni. Trained in **YNYS MÔN** in Wales, these teachers guided the Iceni and all the tribes across Britain in native British spirituality and culture while also serving as **JUDGES**.

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But the Romans were not done. To frighten the rest of the kingdom into obedience they first **RAPED** Boudicca's daughters, and then **FLOGGED** the queen.

Instead of frightening the Iceni, it **ENRAGED** them. If the Romans were willing to commit such violence against their rightful queen, how much more violence would they do against everyone else? The long **DIVIDED** tribes now **UNITED** against the Romans, making **BOUDICCA/BUDDUG** their war leader. Not expecting **RESISTANCE** they marched to **CAER COLUN** to find it was barely defended. Thinking the **ICENI** were already conquered, the Roman **GOVERNOR** Gaius Suetonius Paulinus had sent most of his **LEGIONS** to the druid stronghold of **YNYS MÔN**, slaughtering the defenders mercilessly.

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More successes followed. Boudicca headed south to the Roman trading port of **LONDINIUM** on the **THAMES** River. Expecting Boudicca to attack there, Governor Gaius Suetonius Paulinus evacuated the most important people in the city and brought his legions northward to **CONFRONT** Boudicca on a field of his own choosing.

The tactic worked. Boudicca was forced to fight the Romans on a battlefield that favoured the Roman shield wall tactic and worked against the more **INDIVIDUALISTIC** style of fighting preferred in Britain. With the Roman victory in sight, Boudicca and her daughters retreated into the forest in search of the one weapon she could use to deny the Romans the prize they most wanted.

Pounding the white flowers with a mortar and **PESTLE** into a powder, Boudicca mixed the deadly **HEMLOCK** into some mead and drank deeply. Her daughters also drank deeply, achieving in **DEATH** the freedom denied them in life.

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Word Search: Peoples and Places

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J D A D L W K C J P G H M S B U M Z C V O X F M H  
I E J R O L N R O R V X A V J Q F P P X T V O C  
D G G W C N A J C L I R Q Z K A I X Y G M H B N A  
I L T U Q Z I S Q H U W Z U O G T G B L U L T U M  
B V S T Y U S U Q L H N H X H W R W P G T R G J U  
O D Y F Q F L H M T W M F P X J I L I Z A R Z P L  
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G S S M J D W F D A F K E S S O X A L Y N V S A D

Trinovantes

Camulodunum

Ynys Prydain

Londonium

Caer Colun

Ynys Mon

Iceni

Aedui

Cymru

Picts

Gaul

## Roman Cities and Regions

Mona

Camulodunum

Londinium

Glevum Colonia

Aquae Sulis

Caledonia

Britannia Prima

Britannia

Rome

Gaul

Secret phrase: Boudicca, Queen of the Iceni

## Heroes and Villains of the Roman Conquest

Prasutagus

Boudicca

Caractacus

Gaius Suetonius Paulinus

Julius Caesar

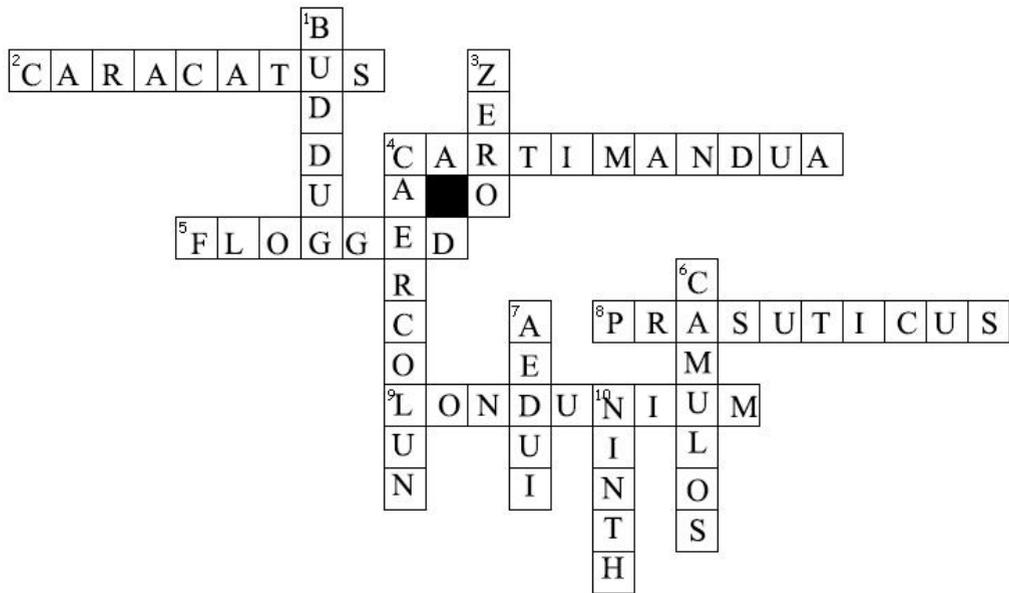
Nero

Cartimandua

Claudius

Secret phrase: We shall never forget

## Crossword Puzzle Answers:



# Excerpt from “Boudicca, Britain’s Queen of the Iceni”

## Chapter One

The Roman city of Camulodunum, once the capital of the proud Trinovante tribe bustled with commerce. Today was market day with people from across eastern Britain flocking to its narrow streets filled with merchants selling everything the British and Roman world had to offer. Along well-worn paths walked a tall, broad-shouldered Gallic woman nineteen years old, the remnants of large bruises contrasting against her bright red hair. A beautiful brooch held together her heavy plaid cloak, its raven-headed design hinting at her past. A public officer passed her, provoking her to cover her head. Relieved the ploy worked, the young woman slipped down the street, bumping into a richly dressed man wearing a fine wool tunic. Boudicca raised her eyes to his, “Forgive me, Sir.”

“Your accent – you are not from here, are you?” he asked.

“No, Sir.”

“Are you from the conquered lands to the south, across the channel these Romans call ‘Gaul’?”

“Yes.”

“Is that why you did not want that man to notice you?”

“Yes. Many generations have passed since they conquered my people, Sir, but not all of us are happy to be Romanized. We would rather be free than slaves. A Roman claimed to own me – I escaped.”

“What is your name?”

“Boudicca, of the royal line of the Aedui near the Seine.”

The man smiled warmly, “It is a pleasure to meet you, Boudicca. My name is Prasutagus of the Iceni, a tribe that lives off to the north and east of here by the great sea. It is a beautiful place – and one that welcomes those who would rather live free than live as slaves. You are welcome to come with me back to my lands, if you like. I actually have to meet with that man you were trying to avoid. He is the aide to Governor Gaius Suetonius Paulinus.”

“Why would you want to talk to him?”

“Far and wide the legions attack all the peoples of this isle. Those who fight are slaughtered. I do not want to fight Rome – but I refuse to be their slave as so many of the Trinovante have. I wish to find a way to keep my people free.”

“At what cost, Prasutagus?”

“Whatever is necessary.”

“Necessary? Do you know what Queen Cartimandua of the Brigantes did to protect her people from Rome? This city, Camulodunum, was the capital of the Trinovantes. After Emperor Claudius came with re-enforcements to take this city from the Trinovantes and enslave its people, the king, Caratacus escaped in his chariot, hoping to rally the tribes to drive back the Romans from this land and all the lands of the tribes. Instead of helping him, she betrayed him. In exchange for security for her own people, she helped enslave these people. Caratacus, they say, was paraded across Rome in chains, a trophy of war. Humiliated, enslaved – not just him, but all noble Trinovante with him. Beware bargains with Romans! Such bargains rarely work out in your favor in the end,” pleaded Boudicca, unfastening the broach holding her cloak. The fine wool fell, revealing bruises all over her arms and shoulders.

“How did that happen?”

“I displeased my Roman mistress – how else?”

“How did you escape?”

“My mistress’s son – he brought me across the strait to Dover in exchange for” – Boudicca could not bring herself to finish her sentence, but her eyes conveyed everything to the worldly Prasutagus.

“Did he force you?”

“Do you think I would ever consent to give myself to a Roman – even for safe passage?”

Prasutagus looked at her keenly, “No – no you do not seem the type. You would rather suffer than lose your honor. Truly you are of royal blood!”

“I am glad you see that.”

“As am I,” agreed Prasutagus. “Forgive me, Boudicca, but I must keep my meeting. It is the only way to guarantee freedom for all.” Prasutagus picked up Boudicca’s cloak and handed it to her, along with several gold coins, “Here, go to the merchants and buy a proper stola and palla, the clothes noble Roman women wear. If they question you, tell them it is for your mistress among the Iceni; they need not know it is for you. When I am done with the meeting, I will seek you out. Find a place private to change into the new clothing. In my company, no one will think of you as anything other than a wealthy British lady.”

“Why would you do this?”

“To right a wrong, perhaps? Or perhaps it is just my way of seeking your good graces?”  
hinted Prasutagus.

Boudicca’s gaze softened, “As you wish, so shall it be done.”

Prasutagus corrected her, “No, my lady, as *you* wish, so it shall be done.”

The story continues in chapter two of “Boudicca, Britain’s Queen of the Iceni.” Buy the book for [kindle](#), [audible](#), or in [paperback](#).

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