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## The Romans and the tribes of Britain



In 43 CE, a group of people called the **Ancient Romans** came to Britain. They forced the people living there, the **tribes** of Britain, to follow their rules. A **tribe** is a group of people, families, or villages that share the same language, customs and ancestors. The Roman Emperor Claudius reached out to the **tribes** in Britain and gave them a choice to either fight or make peace with the **Ancient Romans** and do as they said.

Many of the **tribes** did not want to be ruled by the **Ancient Romans**. So the **Ancient Romans** tried to keep the peace and prevent fighting in many ways. First, they began to give local **tribe** leaders different jobs in the Roman **government**. Then the **Ancient Romans** allowed the tribal leaders to keep the land that they owned if they promised to be **loyal**. Finally, the **Ancient Roman** armies also promised to protect the **loyal tribes** from any other **tribes** that attacked them.

## Who were Boudica and Prasutagus?



King Prasutagus ruled a British Celtic **tribe** called the Iceni **tribe** alongside his wife Boudica. He and Boudica got married around 45 CE. They lived with their daughters in the east of England. The **Ancient Romans** allowed King Prasutagus to keep ruling his land as long as he followed Roman rules and laws. King Prasutagus agreed and he made sure that, when he died, his kingdom would go to his daughters and the Roman emperor.

When King Prasutagus died around 59 CE, his wife Boudica became the queen. However, the Roman Emperor Nero did not want to share power with her and wanted to take control of her lands. Emperor Nero was well known as a very cruel ruler. He became emperor in 54 CE, aged just 16. Boudica was left with little choice but to defend her land and protect her daughters.

