



Invaders and Settlers: Romans



Learning Objective:

To understand the terms 'invade' and 'settle' and to place the Romans on a timeline.



Have you, or anyone you know,
ever moved to a new house?

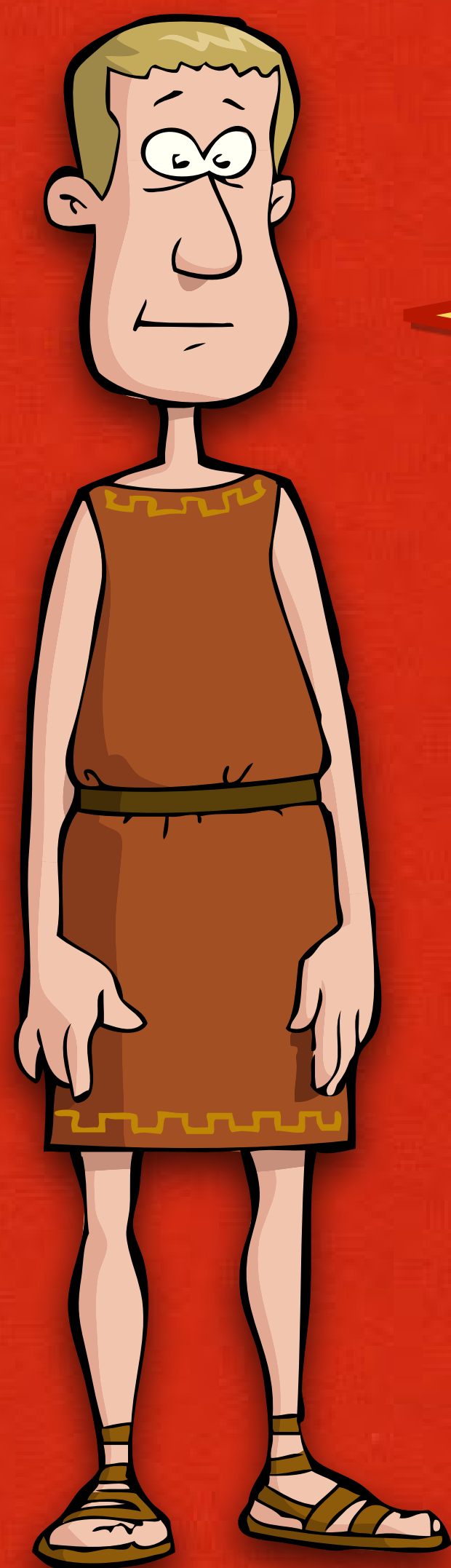
What were the reasons for
moving?



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People move to a new house, a new town or city, or even a new country, for many different reasons.

How many different reasons can you think of?

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Did you think of these ideas?

Some people move to look for work or because of a new job.

Some people move to be closer to other family members.

Some people have to move to get away from unsafe areas due to war or famine.

Some people move simply because they want a change.



People move to new places for lots of different reasons and have been doing so for **thousands of years**.

In the past, many different people from many different places came to Britain. Two of the words we use to describe these people are:

INVADERS



and...



SETTLERS

Do you know what these words mean?
Discuss your ideas with a partner.

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INVADERS

Invaders are people who use force to enter a place and take over, usually with an army.



SETTLERS

Settlers are people who go to live in a place, with the aim of staying there permanently.

Which of these words do you think are linked to **invaders**?



Which of these words do you think are linked to **settlers**?

remain

battle

visit

build

farm

conquer

stay

fight

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Over the next few lessons, we are going to find out about a group of people who came to Britain who were called the Romans.

**Have you heard of them?
What do you already know about
the Romans?**

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The Romans were a group of people who belonged to the Roman Empire. The city of Rome, in Italy, was the centre of this empire. The Roman Empire was very powerful, with a huge army, which they used to fight people and increase the amount of land over which they ruled.

This is a map showing the Roman Empire at the height of its power. All of the land in red was ruled over by the Romans.

Do you think the Romans were **invaders** or **settlers**?

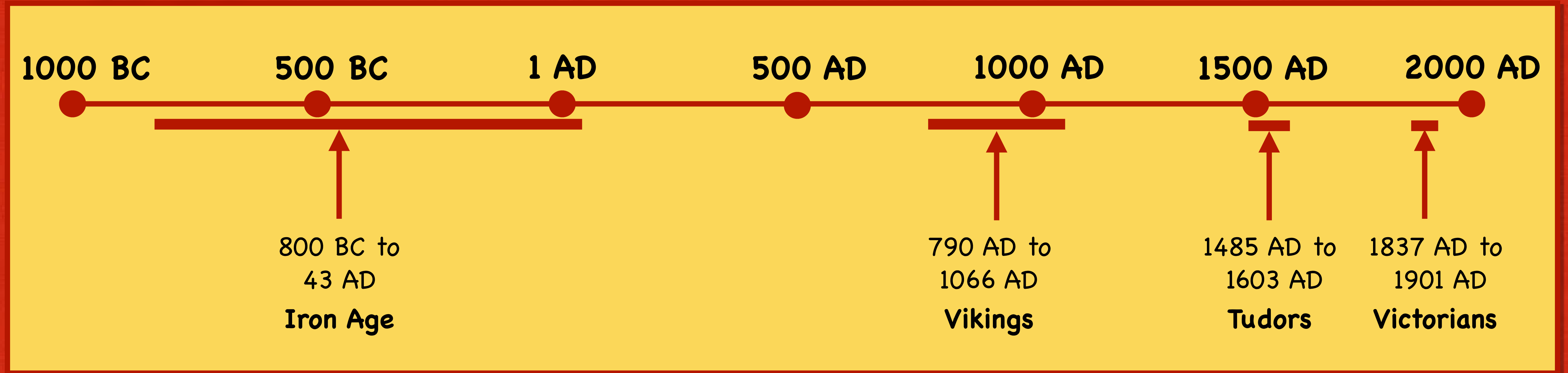


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The Romans **invaded** Britain.
When do you think this happened?

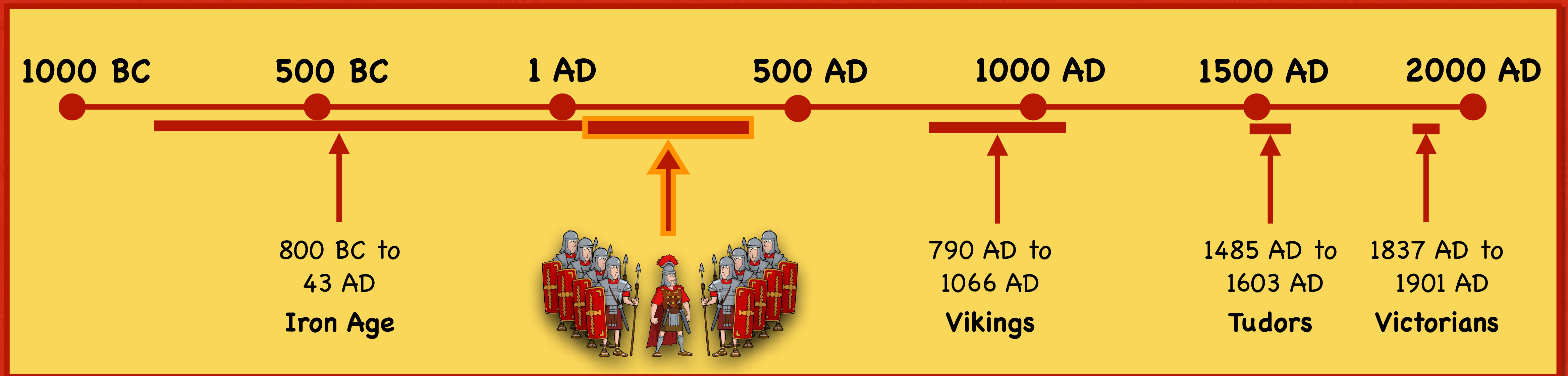


Look at this timeline. It shows some of the important periods of British history, but the Roman period is missing.

Where do you think it would be?



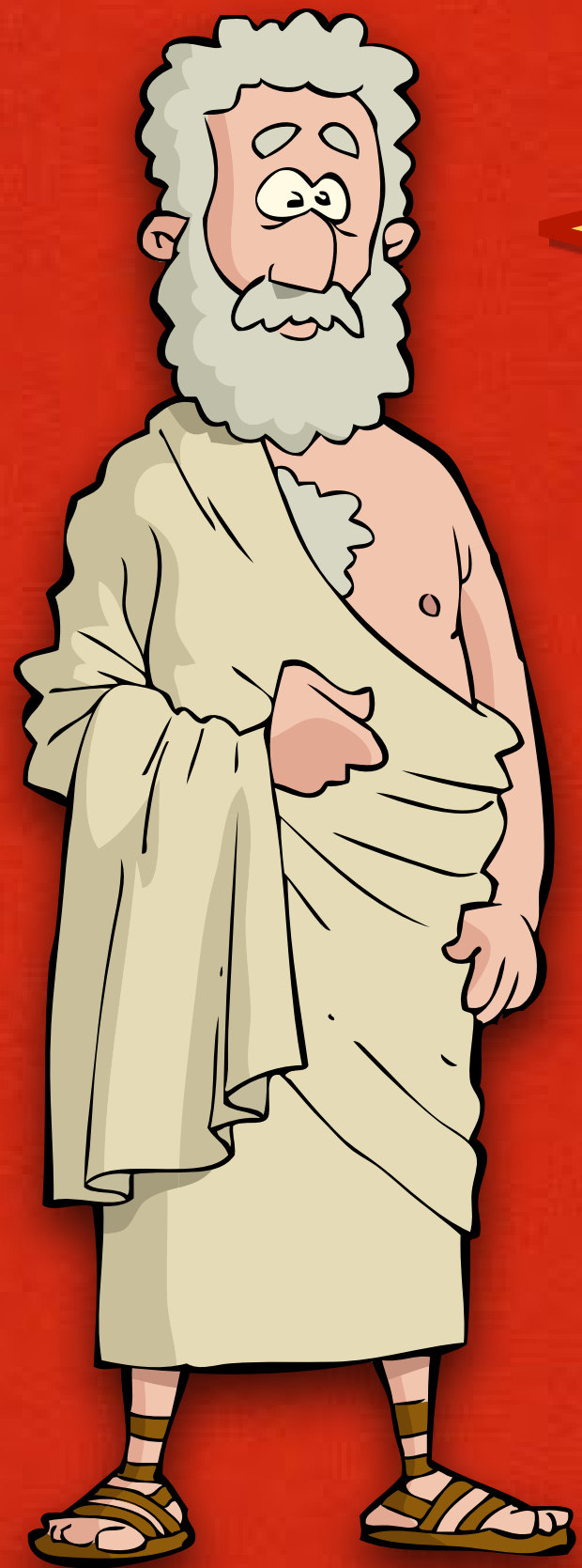
The Romans **invaded** Britain in 43 AD. They then **settled** and ruled the country for almost 400 years, until 410 AD.



CHALLENGE: Can you work out how many years ago the Romans invaded Britain?



To work out **exactly** how long ago the Romans invaded Britain, you would need to complete this number sentence:



The year it is now **take away 43**

We can round this answer up to say that the Romans invaded Britain almost **2000 years ago!**

EXTRA CHALLENGE: Do you know how many of your lifetimes this would be?!

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To work out **approximately** how many of your lifetimes this would be, you would need to complete this number sentence:

2000 **divided by** **your age**

(you might need to use a calculator!)

For example, if you are 8 years old:

$$2000 \div 8 = 250$$

This means that you would have to live your lifetime 250 times to show how much time has passed since the Roman invasion in 43 AD!



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Now it's time for
you to complete
some activities
yourselves!

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Plenary:

2000 years is a very long time ago!



How **different** do you think
life during the Roman
period was to life now?

Think, pair, then share your ideas.

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