

Build a Roman Road



Objective

- To become familiar with key facts about Roman Britain.



Equipment

- Enrich School Orienteering Map
- Orienteering control markers
- Activity Sheet
- Answer Sheet
- Hula hoops



Preparation

- Teachers can use the prepared Activity Sheet.
- Alternatively, they can select a specific set of orienteering control points for this activity and insert the numbers for these control points into the editable Activity Sheet. (Insert the 3rd letter from the marker at each control point you chose next to the correct answer.)
- Children could do this activity in small teams (6 children?).
- Provide each pair/group with a copy of the Activity Sheet and an Enrich School Orienteering Map.
- Each group is a Roman legion. Explain to children that they have to build a Roman road between London (Londinium) and York (Eboracum) and move their legion from London to York. The legion that reaches York first will be the winners.
- At the start/finish point for the activity, there are two cones for each team – one representing London, one representing York. These are set at a distance from each other on the playing area (approximately 10m?).
- There are a set of hula hoops, 6 per team, at the start/finish point.



Instructions

- The Activity Sheet has a set of Roman Britain questions, each of which has three possible answers to choose from.
- At the starting point, each team chooses one of the questions and ticks against what they decide is the correct answer. (The teacher makes sure that they have ticked against an answer for the question before running to check their answer.)
- Using their orienteering map, they then check the answer by running to the control point for that question. **The third letter from the control marker is next to the correct answer.**
- They then run back to the starting point.
- If they got the question right, they collect a hoop for their legion and put it at their London cone. If they did not get the question right, they cannot collect a hoop.
- They then decide on the answer for the next question and run to the control point to check their answer – and so on.
- They continue until they have collected 6 hoops for their legion, which they can use to make their road.
- They must use the hoops to build a road to travel from one cone (London) to the other cone (York).
- Only two people can be in one hula hoop at a time.
- The hula hoops cannot be thrown, slid, or rolled across the ground.
- No body parts are allowed to make contact with the ground outside the hula hoops - if this happens, the whole team must go back to their starting position.
- The legion uses this method to travel between their two cones.
- The first legion to use their road to travel from London to York is the winner.



Other information

This activity could be used to introduce an investigation into the roads of Roman Britain.

