

# Why were Claudia and Sulpicia living in Vindolanda?

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*HOW DID THE ARRIVAL OF THE ROMANS CHANGE BRITAIN?*

# We've met before...

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So we were introduced to Claudia and Sulpicia in the previous lesson.

Both women lived here due to their husbands being senior officers in the Roman Legion (5,000 men strong) based at Vindolanda.

**They were guarding something special...what could it be?**

# What's this?

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCSH7ok7ejl>

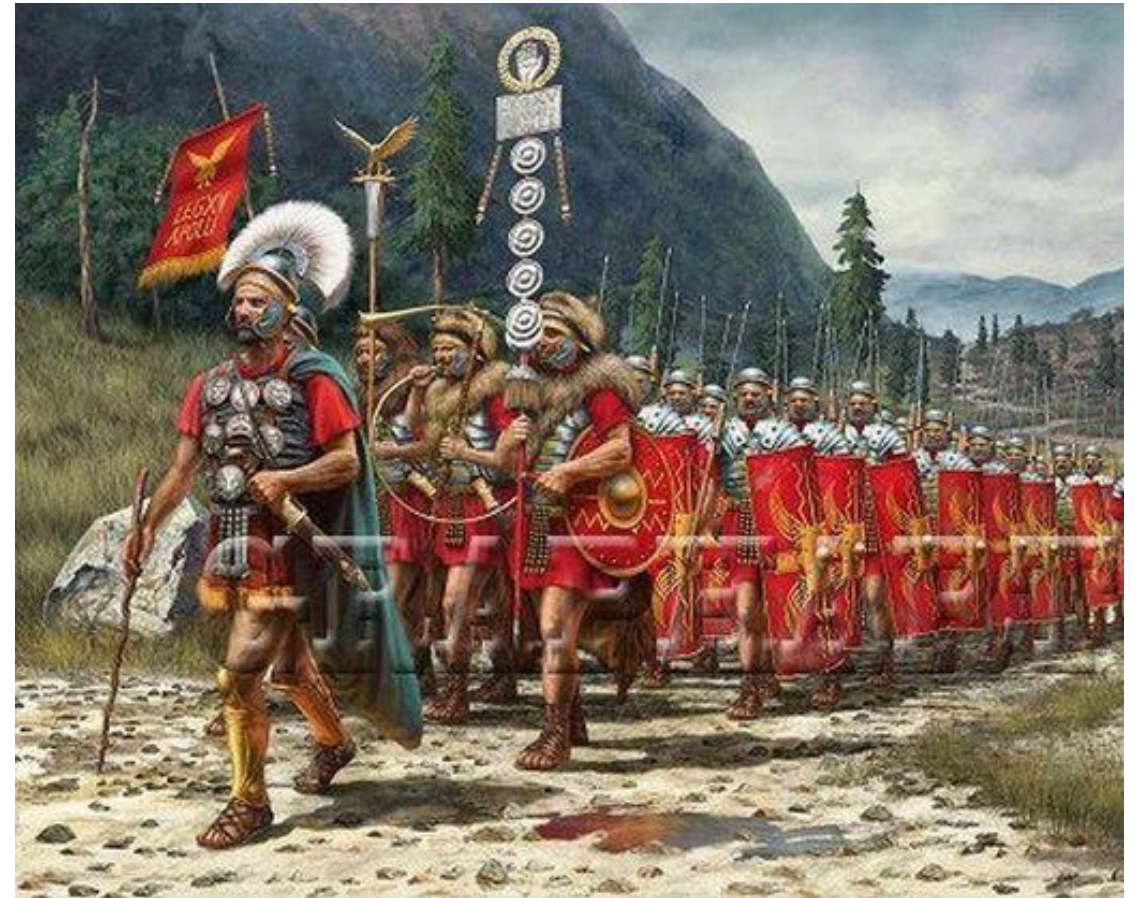


# Hadrian's Wall

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The wall was not only manned by the legion of Claudia and Sulpicia's husbands but also 2 more legions equating to roughly 15,000 men.

The wall was 5 metres high and 4 metres wide, which allowed for foot patrols every day and night.





## Well guarded

Every 2km the Romans had fortified gates to help control movement in and out of their territory in the North. Alongside this, every 11km was a fort of soldiers like the one shown here.

# But why?

Why did Emperor Hadrian make his soldiers build such a large wall? And why did the Roman soldiers have to guard it day and night?

After its invasion it took the Roman army about thirty years to defeat all of the Celtic peoples, such as Boudica, who were living in southern Britain. However, northern Britain, which the Romans called Caledonia (modern day Scotland), was a much greater challenge. Here fierce warrior tribes called Picts did not want to give up any of their land.

In AD 84 the Pict tribes joined forces to fight the Romans at the battle of Mons Graupius. The Picts with 30,000 warriors led by the chieftain Calgacus faced 10,000 Romans under the command of General Julius Agricola.

# Your task...

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- in red, underline the sentences that tell us what the Picts did that made it so difficult for the Romans to defeat them
- in green, underline a sentence explaining why Emperor Hadrian was not prepared to continue to try to defeat the Picts
- in blue, underline a sentence that sums up the main reason why Emperor Hadrian built a wall across northern Britain.

# Let's get our craft on

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Build yourself a 'Hadrians' wall from the card/cardboard that you have available...please make it model size 😊