Roman Towns in Britain – Student A
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HISTORY

1 Roman England

Reading, Speaking

The Province of *Britannia* was the northernmost province of the Roman Empire. On this map, you can see some of the most important towns in Britannia.

Work with a partner. Your partner has a map with the modern names of these towns. Fill in the modern town names by asking questions – see the Useful phrases box below to help you. Use the town of Londinium/London as a reference.

Camulodunum _____ Lindinis _____

Corinium _____ Lindum _____

Deva _____ Londinium _____

Dumovaria _____ Moridunum _____

Durobrivae _____ Noviomagus _____

Durovernum _____ Petuaria _____

Eboracum _____ Ratae _____

Glevum _____ Venta _____

Isurium _____ Venta Icenorum _____

Isca _____ Verulamium _____

Isca _____ Viroconium _____

Letocetum _____

Useful phrases

To the north/south/east/west of Londinium, there was a town called …
Northeast or northwest?
This must be …
How do you spell …?

Focusing on another country   **Researching**

Mark four Roman towns on a blank map of a modern country. Let your partner find out their modern names with the aid of the atlas.

1 Roman England

Aldborough ●
York ■
Brough ●
Lincoln ■
Chester ●
Wall ●
Wroxeter ●
Leicester ●
Caistor St Edmund ●
Water Newton
Carmarthen ●
Colchester ■
Gloucester ■
Caerleon ●
Cirencester ●
St. Albans ■
London ■
Canterbury ●
Ilchester ●
Winchester ●
Chichester ●
Dorchester ●
Exeter ●

● Cantonal capitals
■ Major towns

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you can see the modern names of some of the most important towns in Britannia.

Work with a partner. Your partner has a map with the Roman names of these towns. Fill in the Roman town names by asking questions – see the Useful phrases box below to help you. Use the town of Londinium/London as a reference.

Aldborough	_____	Gloucester	_____
Brough	_____	Ilchester	_____
Caerleon	_____	Leicester	_____
Caistor St Edmund	_____	Lincoln	_____
Canterbury	_____	London	_____
Carmarthen	_____	St. Albans	_____
Chester	_____	Wall	_____
Chichester	_____	Water Newton	_____
Cirencester	_____	Winchester	_____
Colchester	_____	Wroxeter	_____
Dorchester	_____	York	_____
Exeter	_____		

Useful phrases

To the north/south/east/west of London, there is a town called …
Northeast or northwest?
This must be …
How do you spell …?

Focusing on another country **Researching**

On a blank map of a modern country, mark four important towns. Let your partner find out if they were Roman towns.

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PROCEDURE

- Divide the class into two groups. Hand out worksheet A to one group and worksheet B to the other.

- Groups read the text on the worksheet and clarify any comprehension questions.

- Pairs with one student from each group are formed. If possible, seat partners opposite as this will force them to actually speak for solving the task.

- When they have completed their list, allow partners to compare their maps for checking.

Answer key:

Roman name	Modern English name
Camulodunum	Colchester
Corinium	Cirencester
Deva	Chester
Dumovaria	Dorchester
Durobrivae	Water Newton
Durovernum	Canterbury
Eboracum	York
Glevum	Gloucester
Isurium	Aldborough
Isca	Caerleon
Isca	Exeter
Letocetum	Wall
Lindinis	Ilchester
Lindum	Lincoln
Londinium	London
Moridunum	Carmarthen
Noviomagus	Chichester
Petuaria	Brough
Ratae	Leicester
Venta	Winchester
Venta Icenorum	Caistor St. Edmund
Verulamium	St. Albans
Viroconium	Wroxeter

Focusing on another country

- Atlases and blank maps of modern countries are needed for this activity. Blank maps could also be prepared as homework.