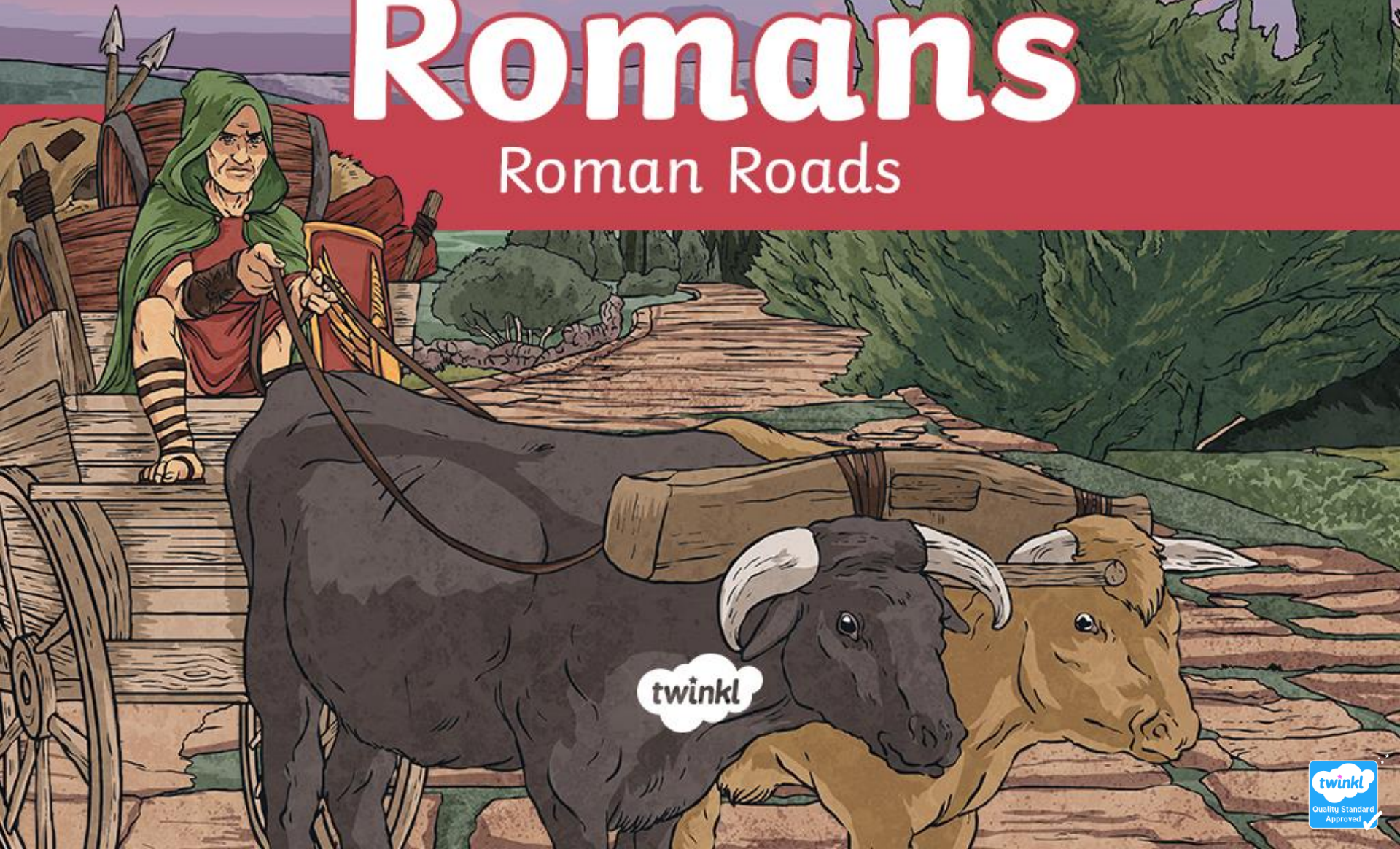


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Roman Roads



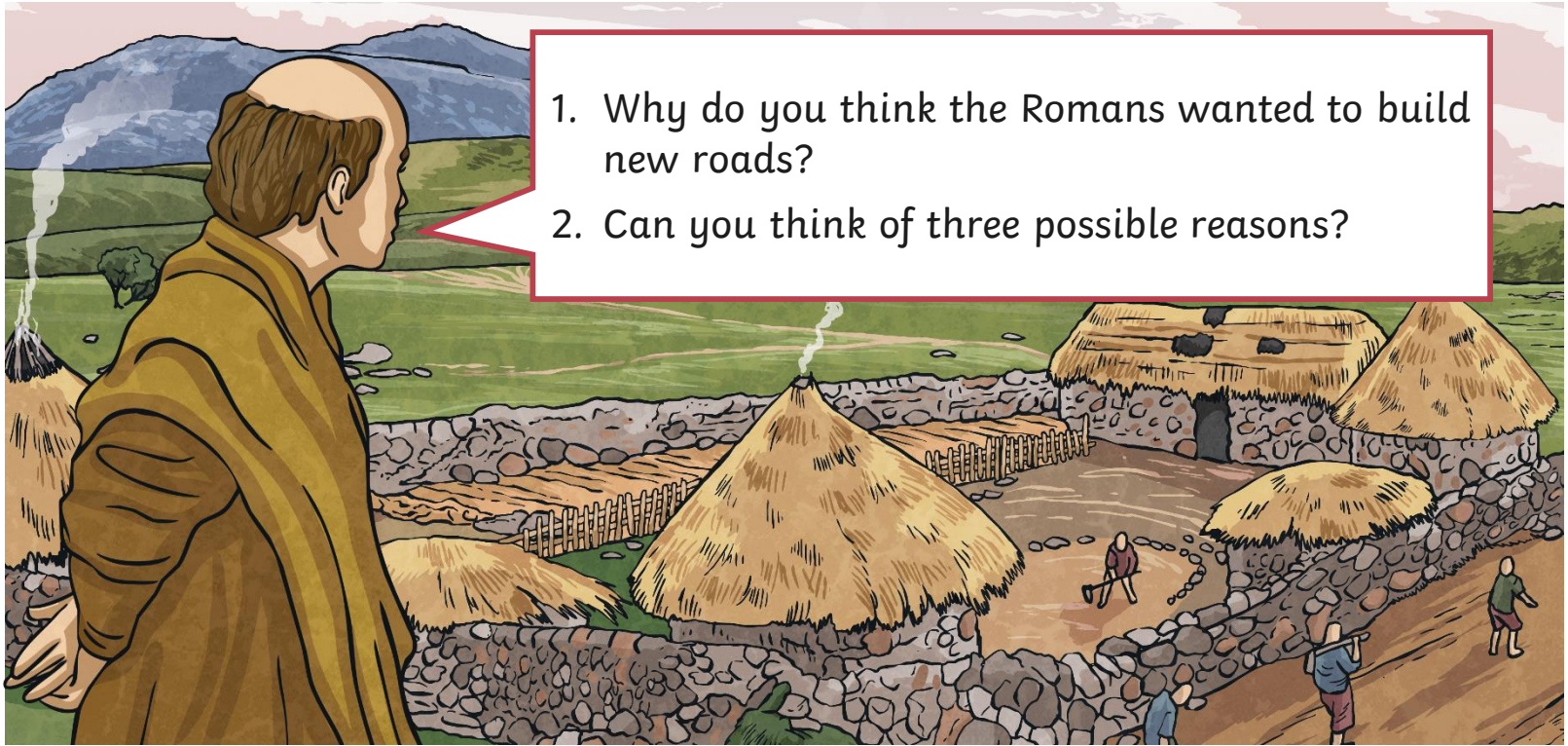
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Before the Roman Roads



Before the Romans arrived, Britain had no proper roads. The Celts rode horses, walked and travelled in carts pulled by oxen along paths and tracks. These paths and tracks connected local farms and hamlets, and there were some longer routes for trade. These tracks were often in very poor condition.

1. Why do you think the Romans wanted to build new roads?
2. Can you think of three possible reasons?

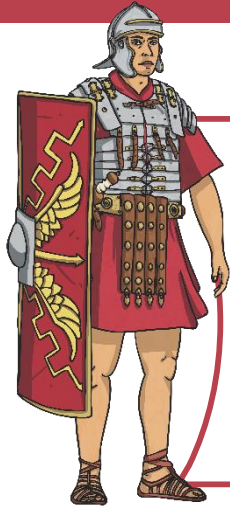


Roman Roads



Why did the Romans want better roads?

Did you think of any of these reasons?



Troops could be quickly moved from one place to another.



The Emperor had more control if messages could be sent quickly.



Better links between places was good for trading.

Supplies could be sent to different areas of the country.



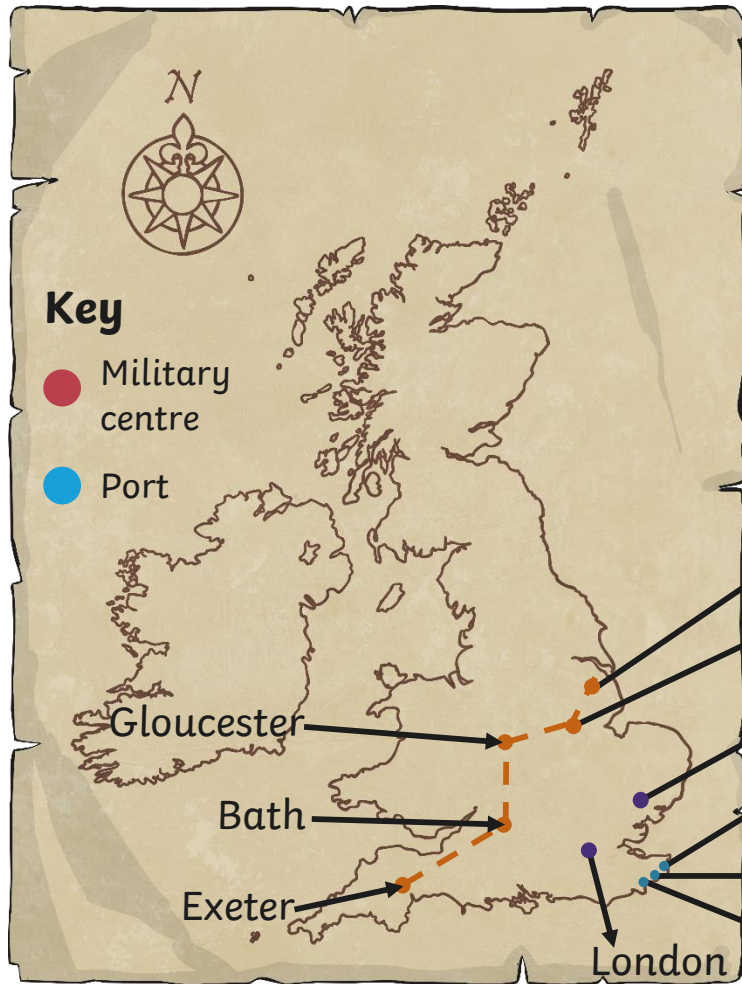
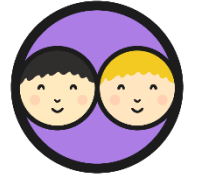
Roman Roads

The Romans were famous for their long, straight roads. You can still see some Roman roads today, two thousand years after they were built.



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The First Roman Roads

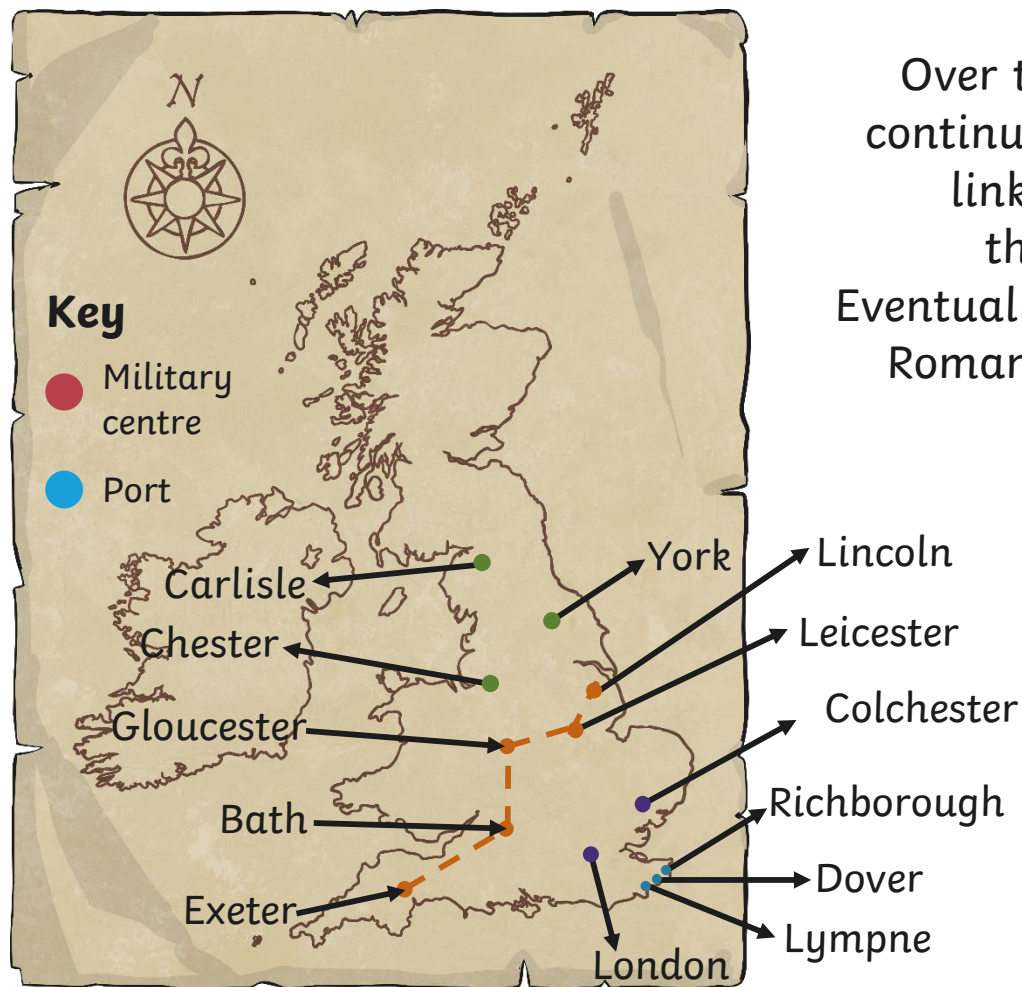
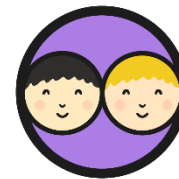


The Fosse Way was one of the first great Roman roads in Britain. It ran from Exeter to Lincoln, passing through Bath, Gloucester and Leicester.

Can you find the Fosse Way on your map?



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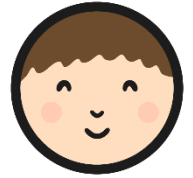


Over the years, the Romans continued to build more roads, linking to many places throughout Britain. Eventually, around 2000 miles of Roman roads had been built.

Other Routes

- Chester to York
- London to Lincoln to York
- Chester to Carlisle
- Dover, Lympe and Richborough to London to Wroxeter

Mapping Roman Roads

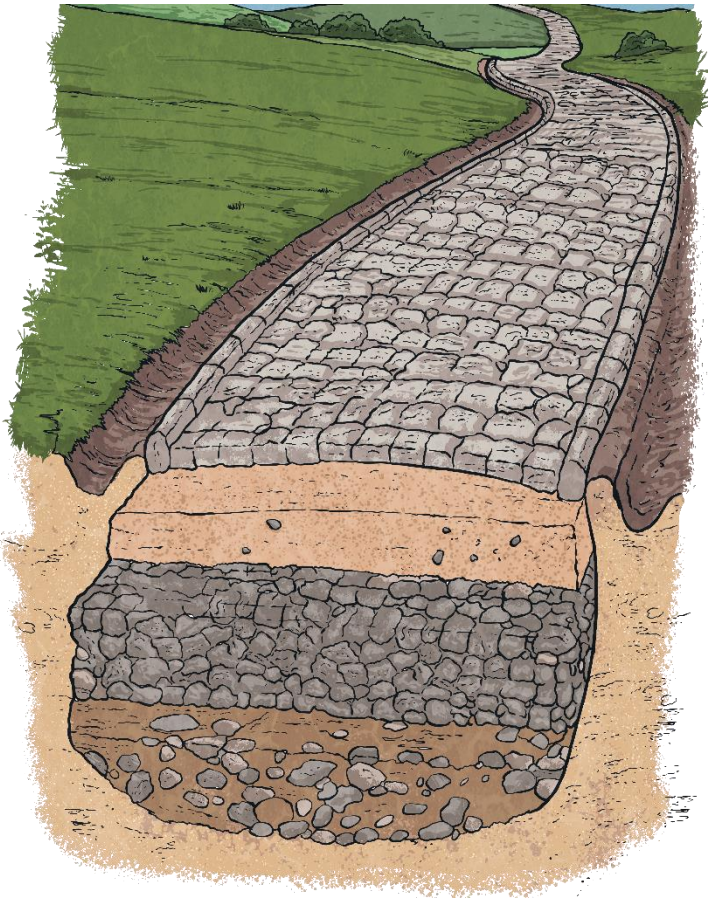


1. Use an atlas to locate the start and finish points of the Romans roads on your sheet.
2. Mark and label the places on your map and then draw and label the road.
3. Use a different colour for each road.



Building the Roads

To build a Roman road, we would need to:



- 1 Dig a large ditch the width of your road.
- 2 Fill your ditch with a layer of rubble and a layer of stones.
- 3 Dig two smaller ditches either side.
- 4 Cover the stones with a layer of sand or small pebbles and gravel, thicker in the middle to make a camber so that the rain will drain off into the two side ditches.
- 5 Set a layer of smooth paving stones into the sand or gravel to make a hard surface.

Building the Roads

Can you name the parts of this Roman road?

smooth
paving stones

stones

sand, pebbles
and gravel

rubble

