**CL2462: PERSPECTIVES ON ROMAN BRITAIN**

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Here is some background reading to get you off to a flying start in September. As well as reading, there are also suggestions of museums and sites to visit.

**Key books**

\*\*Mattingly, D (2007) *An Imperial Possession: Britain in the Roman Empire,* London. The best modern overview; accessible and inexpensive to buy. I strongly recommend that you buy your own copy of this, if you can.

Higgins, C 2013 *Under Another Sky*, London. Charlotte’s lively and engaging account of her travels around Roman Britain – a nice way to be introduced to Roman Britain.

Cool, H E M (2006) *Eating and Drinking in Roman Britain*, Cambridge.

Ireland, S (1996) *Roman Britain: a sourcebook,* London and New York.

Allason-Jones, L (ed.) (2011) *Artefacts in Roman Britain*: *their purpose and use*, Cambridge

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Henig, M (1995) *The Art of Roman Britain*, Ann Arbor.

Millett, M (1990) *The Romanization of Britain: an essay in archaeological interpretation*, Cambridge.

In your reading, familiarise yourself with major concepts, like Romanisation, and some of the key sites and their environs, such as:

* London
* Bath
* Wroxeter
* Silchester
* Hadrian’s Wall
* Uley
* York
* Chester
* Fishbourne
* Chedworth
* St Albans
* Colchester
* Cirencester

**Online resources**

Portable Antiquities Scheme: <http://finds.org.uk>

Roman Rural Settlement Project: <http://www.reading.ac.uk/archaeology/research/Roman-rural-settlement/arch-mf-settlement.aspx>

Vindolanda tablets online: <http://vindolanda.csad.ox.ac.uk>

Food for Thought: [http://notjustdormice.wordpress.com](http://notjustdormice.wordpress.com/)

Roman Britain News: @Roman\_Britain

Where to see Roman mosaics in Britain: <http://www.asprom.org/mosaics/>

**Good museums for Roman Britain**

British Museum, London

Museum of London, London

Corinium Museum, Cirencester

Tullie House Museum, Carlisle

Grosvenor Museum, Chester

Yorkshire Museum

Roman Baths, Bath

Colchester Castle Museum

Verulamium Museum, St Albans

Great North Museum, Newcastle

National Roman Legion Museum, Newport

Museum of Somerset, Taunton

Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

**Sites to visit**

Roman Baths, Bath

Hadrian’s Wall – lots of sites – don’t miss the latrine at Housesteads!

Vindolanda

Chedworth Roman Villa

Fishbourne Roman Villa

Caerleon Fort and Baths

Chester Amphitheatre

Segontium Roman Fort

Silchester Roman Town (amphitheatre and walls)

Chester amphitheatre

**Excavations to visit (or follow online!)**

Binchester

Dorchester-on-Thames

Durotriges Project

**Organisations**

Council for British Archaeology

The Roman Society

The Association for Roman Archaeology

**Magazines**

Current Archaeology

British Archaeology