

HISTORY

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- Around 10.000 BC Britain was peopled by small groups of hunters and fishers.



- Different groups of people arrived in Britain and brought their customs and skills. For example, the Romans brought the skills of reading and writing.

The Ancient Population

- The ancient population of the British Isles lived in caves and hunted animals for food.
- Then they learned to grow corn and breed domestic animals. They made tools and weapons of stone. Later they learned to make metal tools and weapons.
- They were very religious and built many primitive temples. The greatest of them is Stonehenge in the South of England.



The Ancient Population. The Britons.



- The Britons came from the territory of the present-day France. They were tall, strong people with iron swords and knives.
- The Britons were skillful workers. They made things out of iron, bronze, tin clay and wood. They made money out of gold and silver. They began to make roads.
- Rich Britons lived in big houses. They ate with no forks or spoons and drank from big cups.
- The parts of south-east were more civilized because they were nearest to the continent from which people got new knowledge.

The Ancient Population. Their Religion.

- The Britons were polytheistic. They believed in many Gods. They believed that different Gods lived in the thickest and darkest parts of the forests.
- Some historians think that the Druids had great power over the Britons. The Druids were cruel men and their ways of worshipping their Gods were cruel too. They often offered up sacrifices of human beings to get the God's pardon.



The Coming of the Romans

- In the year 55BC the great Roman general Julius Caesar sailed to Britain with about 12000 soldiers. They had a battle with the Britons and won it, but did not stay long and soon departed. In the following year Julius Caesar came again and the Britons couldn't stop them because Romans had better arms and were better trained

