

Romans and Celts Assembly/Class Play

Ever wondered why sophisticated Italians would wish to leave their refined homes to visit Barbarous Britain? Bit like asking you to swap places with Stig of the Dump! And then those Celts – a very odd bunch, scary enough even before they made their faces blue for battle. To say nothing of the soldier who can't tell the difference between a four legged woolly creature and a real baaabarian!

This class play, written by Sue Russell, for class of 30, comes with suggested props, music and numbered seating plan – so it is ready to deliver, with minimum stress to the teacher! It is entertaining and educational at the same time – covering all the key teaching points (from the UK QCA documents).

(Also available for this unit , set of 5 guided reading play scripts plus quizzes - Introduction, Different Lifestyles of Celts and Romans, Boudicca - Life, key events of rebellion and different interpretations, the Roman Army and the Roman Gods - see Guided Reading Play Scripts section of www.plays-r-ussell.com)

SAMPLE TEXT

Roman/Celt Assembly

But first we must get our soldiers keen to fight again. This calls for something special. Let's hear it everybody – our very own Roman Rap!

(All Romans stand and chant rap together, General reading from script and leading rest)

Here we come – get outta our way

We're a working army, we're not here to play!

Stand aside, don't look in our eyes,

Not, that is, unless you're prepared to die!

A better trained force

You're not likely to meet.

Hey! Look at that lot!

We'll 'ave 'em, dead on their feet!

We've got the looks and the armour too.

Move over, you ruffians, and let us through!

Huh! Look at him, with tartans soft to touch.

Is his face blue from cold, 'coz he's not wearing much?

Don't tell me the war paint's there to scare.

Forget the make-up, mate, concentrate on what you should wear!

Take my armour, all shiny and hard.

Where did I buy it? Oh here, take this card.

From a fine metal merchant in the trade of munitions,

TEACHING 'COVERAGE'

1. Unit 6A Roman-Celtic Assembly

- (i) Reasons for invasion (ii) Explanation of terms: conquest, invasion and settlement
- (iii) Comparison of Celtic and Roman life
 - buildings
 - clothes/battle attire- gods/goddesses
- (iv) Story of Boudicca(v) Impact Romans had on Britain
 - Latin (and Celtic) words- Roman Numerals
 - *- Mixture of serious and funny facts
- (vi) * Different viewpoints re: Boudicca

Music

- 1. Another One Bites the Dust - Queen
- 2. Pump it up - Elvis Costello
- 3. Walk on the Wild Side - Lou Reed
- 4. I predict a riot - Kaiser Chiefs
- 5. Simply the Best - Tina Turner
- 6. War - Edwin Star