

Who were the Romans and
where did they rule?

The Romans were one of the most powerful, clever and successful ancient civilisations ever.

They ruled over nearly all of Europe and most of North Africa, including Egypt.

If you counted all the modern countries that would have been in the Roman Empire, then you would be counting 48 different countries ruled by the Romans.



← The Roman Empire

The Roman Empire lasted for over 1000 years. When the Roman civilization began in 753 B.C. the Egyptian civilisation had already been going for 3000 years! However, the Roman civilisation was more advanced in its technology than Egypt; and the Romans had the best fighting army in the history of the ancient world.



Ancient Egypt; 5000 BC – 100AD

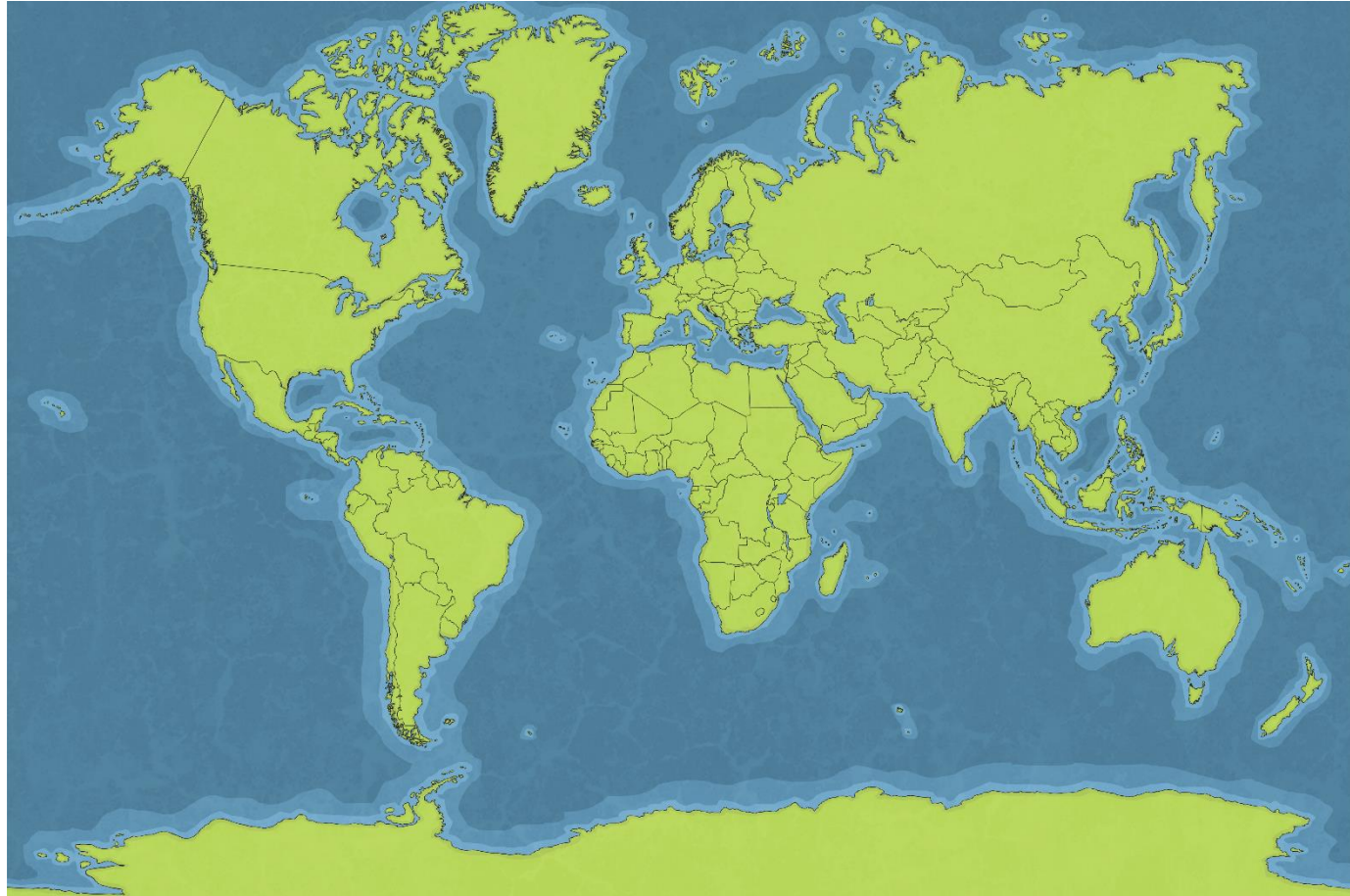


Ancient Rome; 753 BC – 450 AD



Where do we live?

Which part (continent) of the world are we in?



Where did it start?

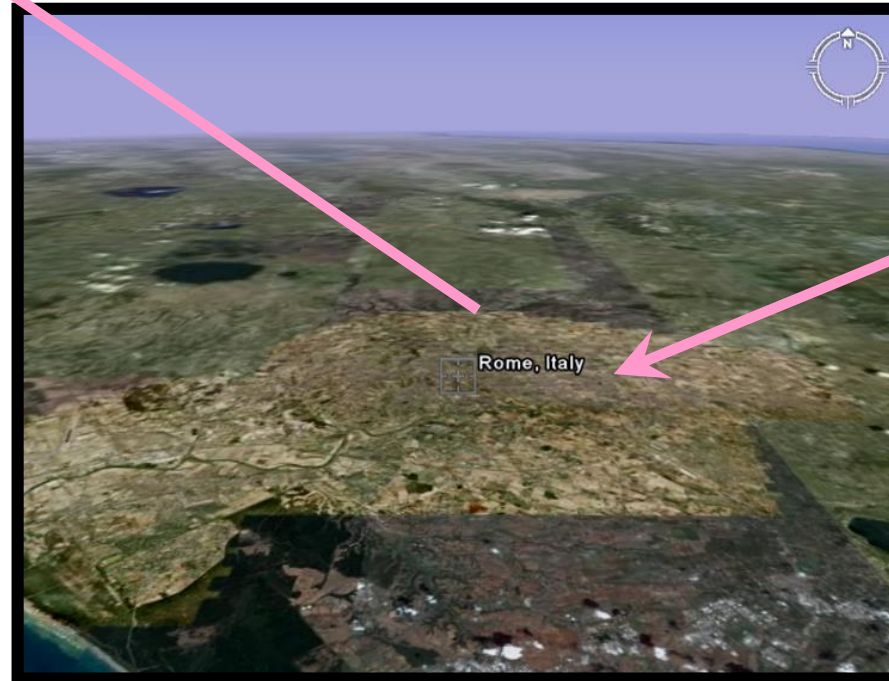
The Roman Empire started in Rome, Italy.



The Romans lived in Rome, a city in the centre of the country of Italy. Rome started to grow from a small town into a larger and larger city around the year 753 B.C. (753 years before Jesus was born), as they conquered other countries.



The city of Ancient Rome



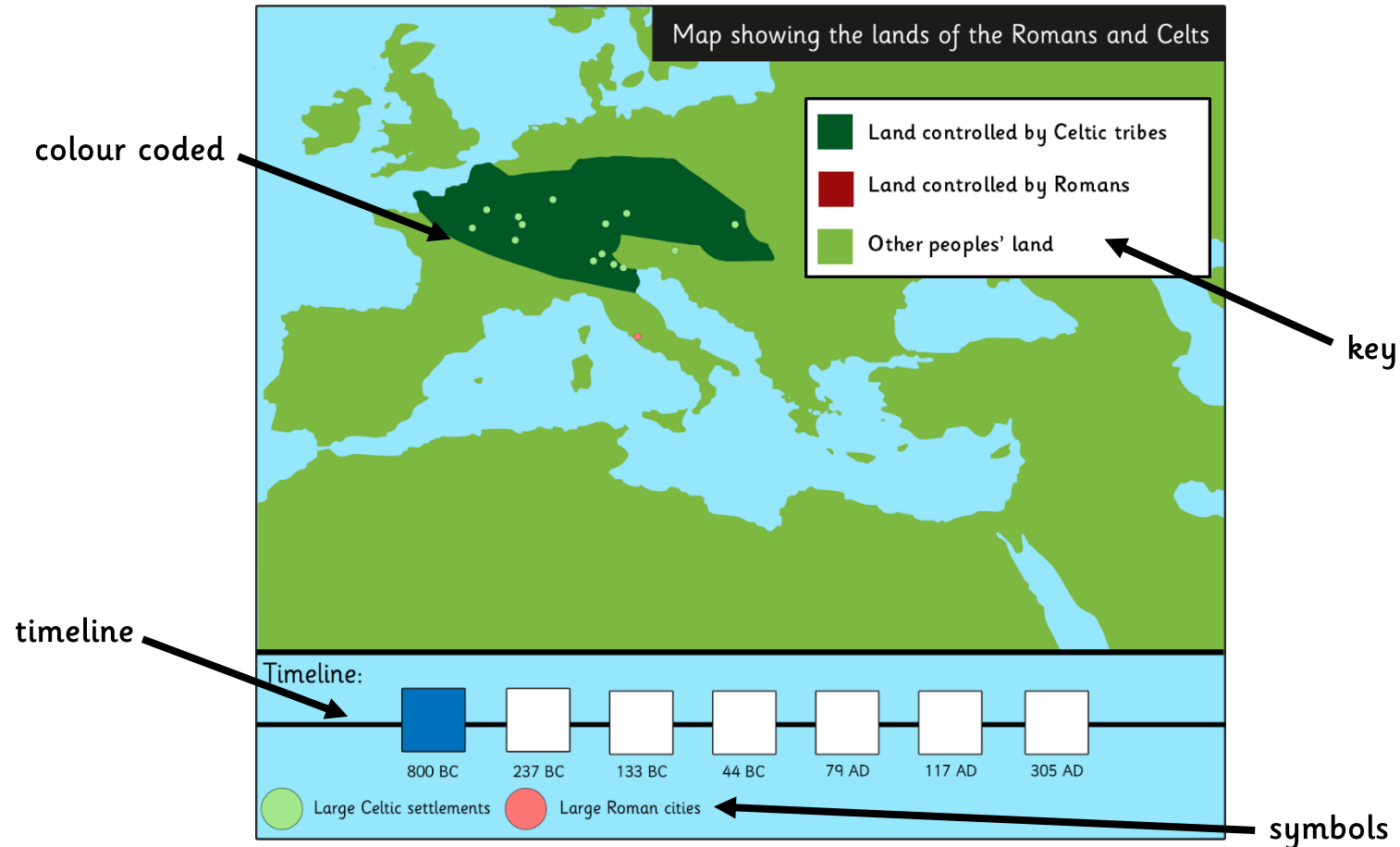
What does the word 'conquered' mean?

- To overcome and take control of (a place or people) by military force.

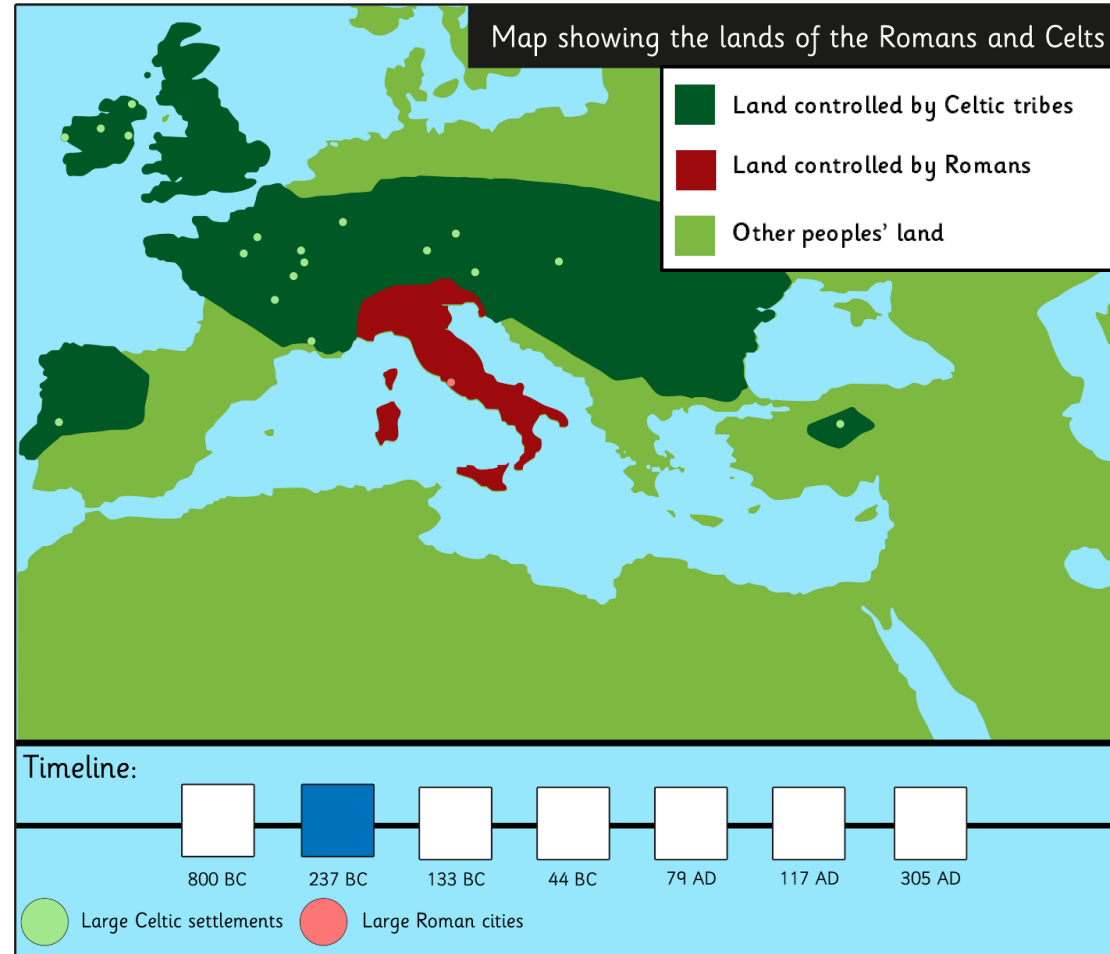


What features do you notice on this map?

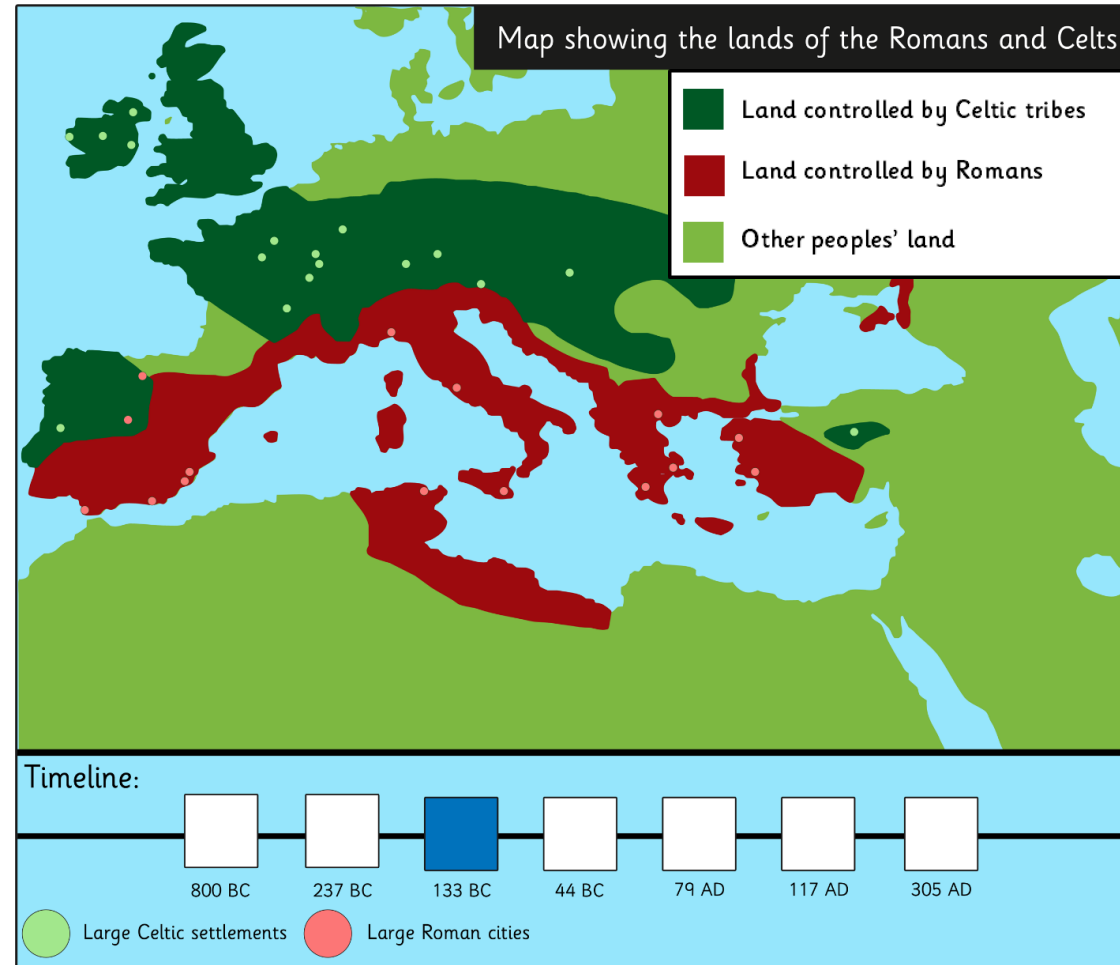
What can you say about who owned land in 800BC?



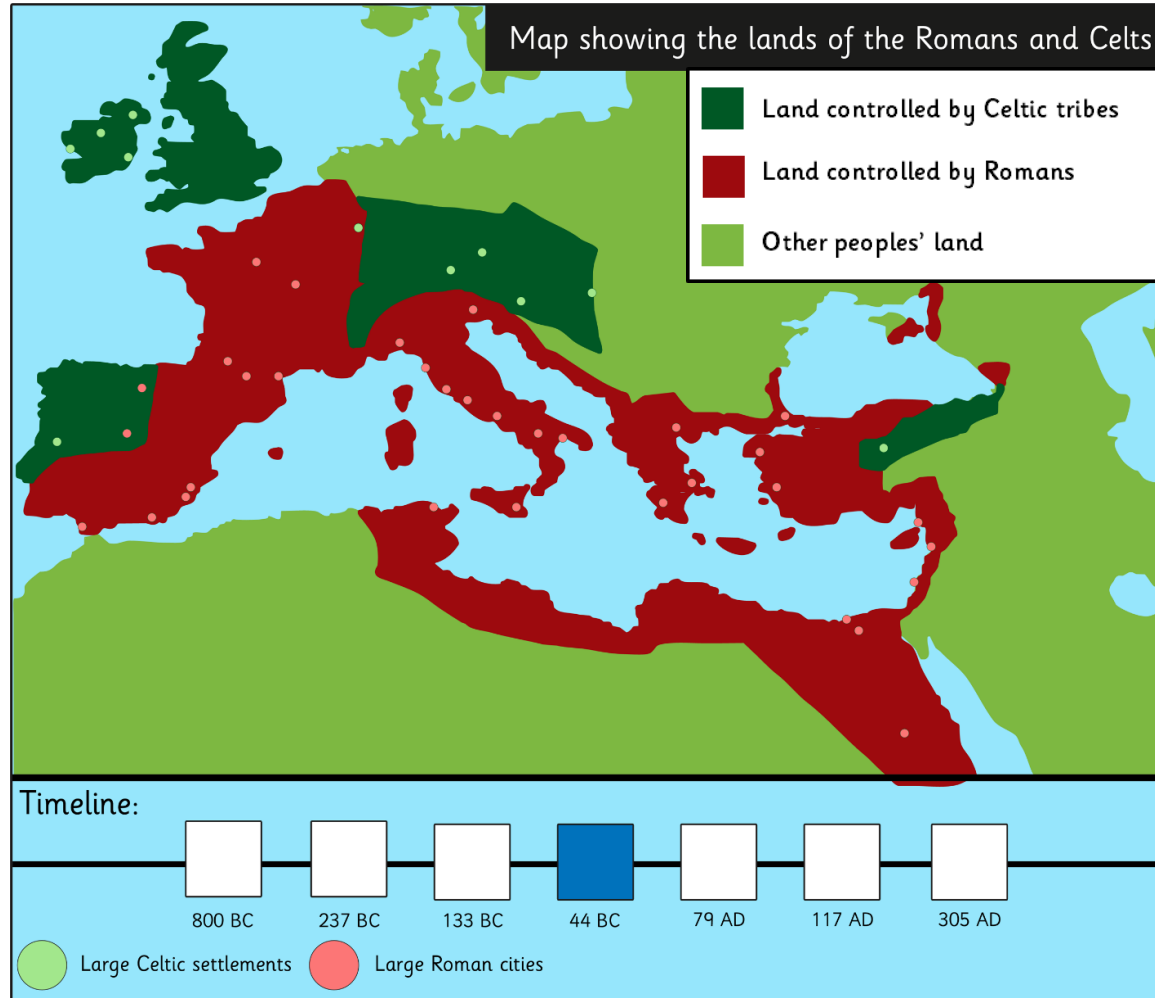
What do we notice now in 237BC?



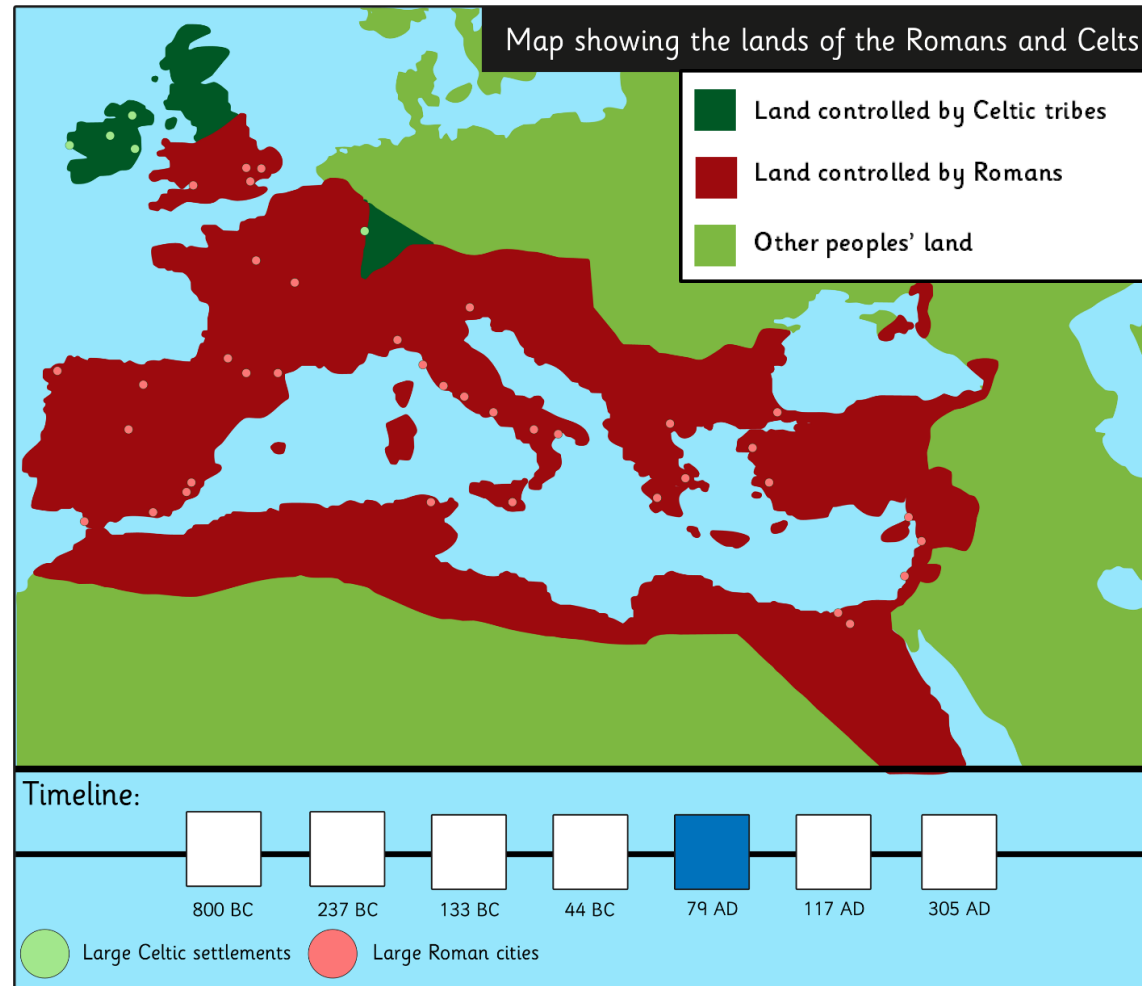
What has changed by 133BC?



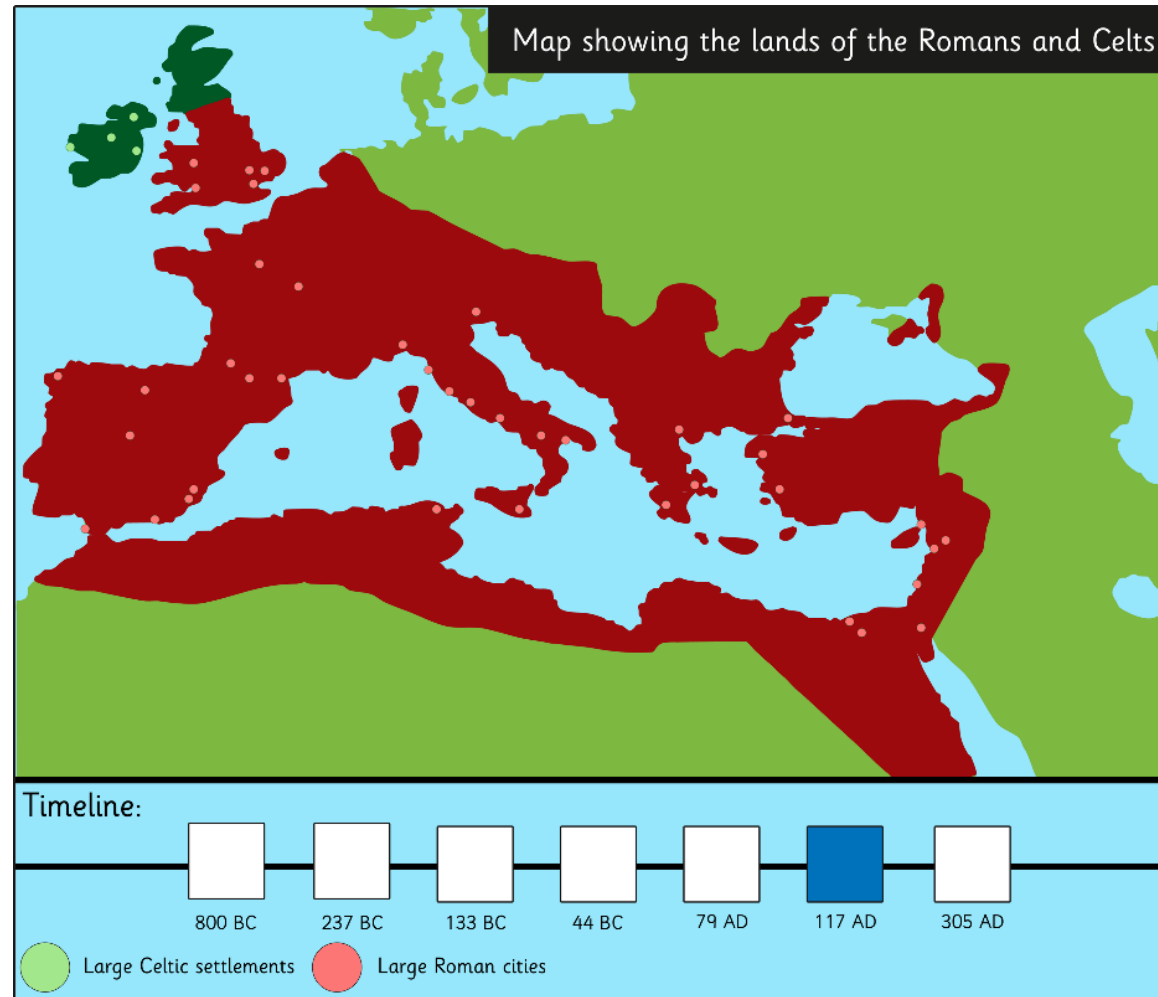
What do you think is most significant about this map?



What can we say about the Celts in 79AD?

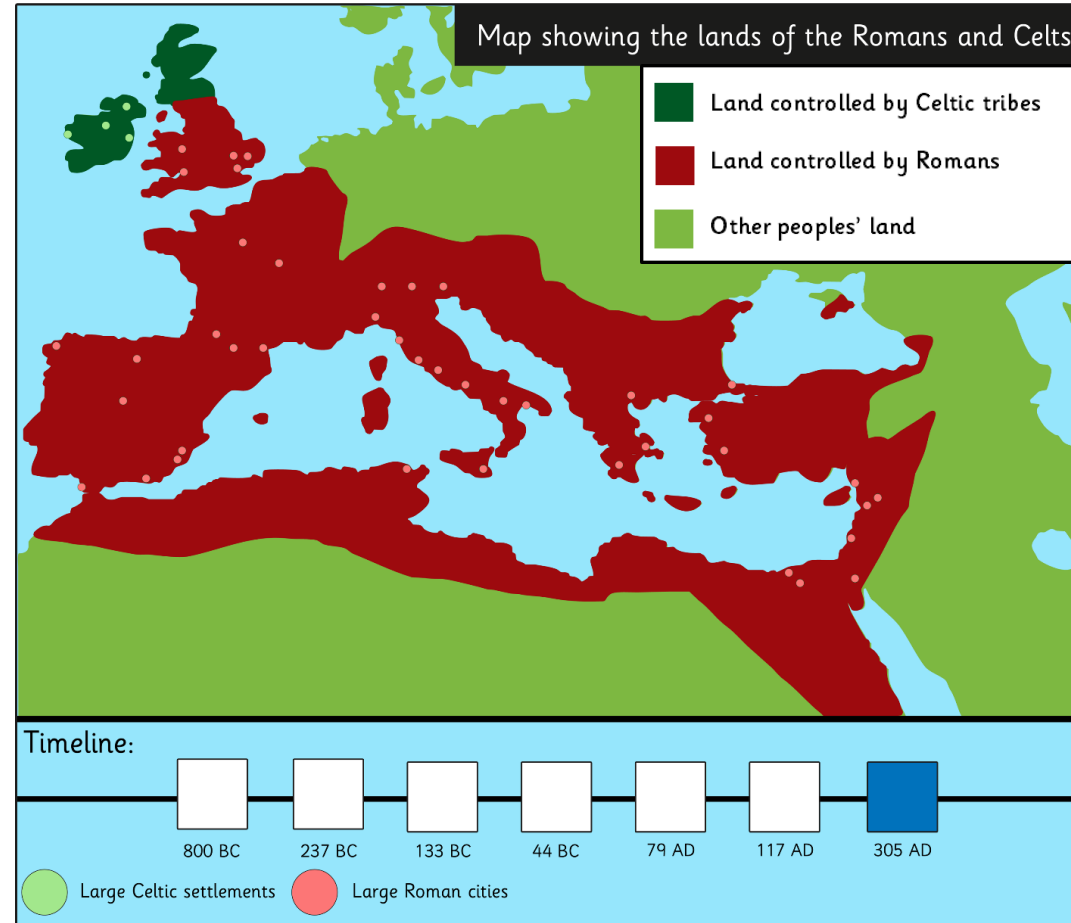


What can we say about 117AD?



The Height of the Roman Empire

Why do you think the Romans didn't conquer the whole of the UK?

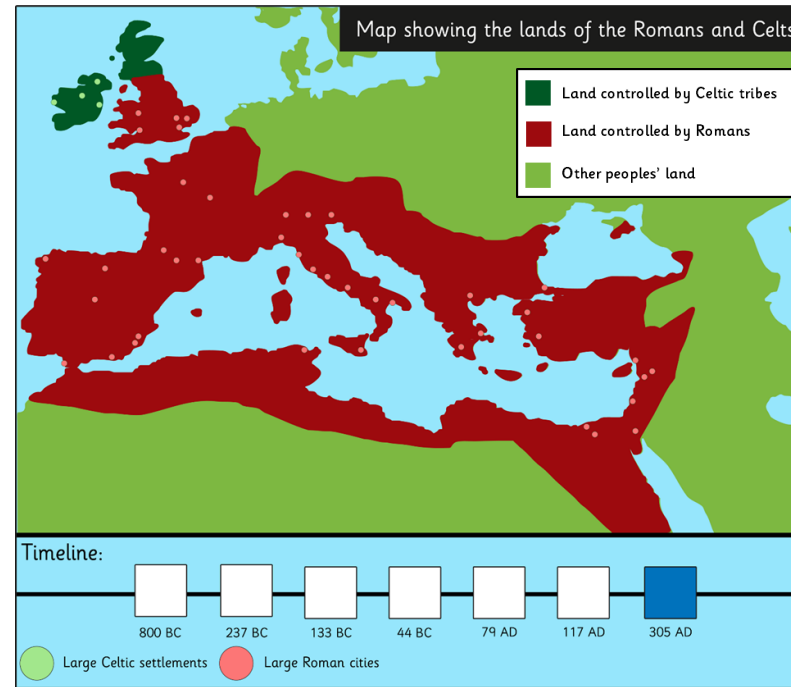
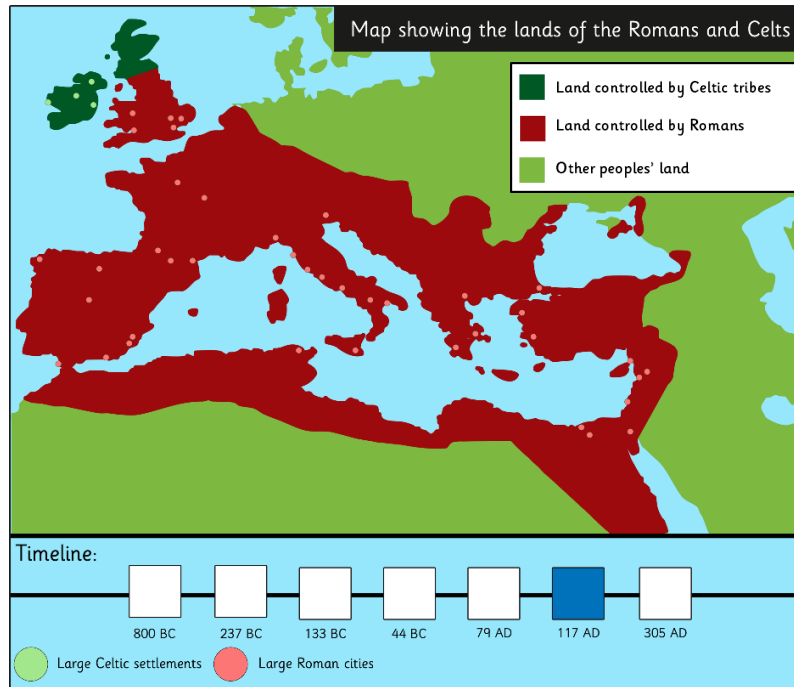


Where in the UK are the most important Roman cities?



Can you explain to your partner what happened to land ownership in Europe between 800 BC and 117 AD?

What has happened now by 305AD?





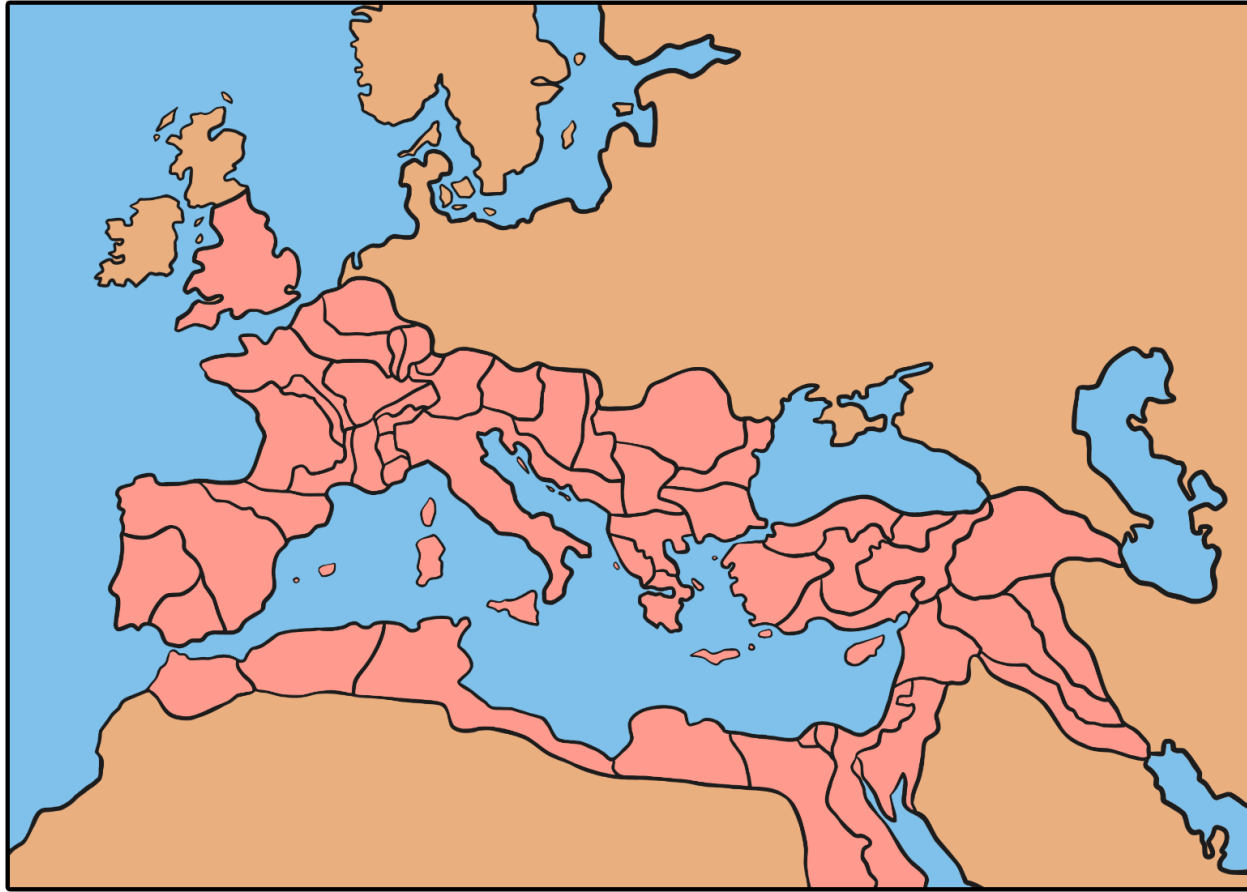
Map of Roman Empire at its greatest extent

..... Roman Empire at the time of Jesus

A map of Europe and North Africa from the Roman period.

This map shows the country boundaries as they were in 177AD.

Have a look at the map of Europe on the next slide.
Which countries were part of the Roman Empire?



Which country names are similar to today?





A map of Europe and North Africa as they are today.

Task

On a blank map of Europe, show with colour how much land the Romans had conquered by 177AD.

Remember the boundaries were not in the same place, so you may need to draw your own.

