

Hadrian's wall

Activity 1: Complete table and draw picture

Use the headings below to help you organise and present your information.

When was the wall built and how long did it take?	
Who ordered the wall to be built?	
Why was the wall built?	
Who built the wall?	
Where does the wall start and end?	
What features does the wall have? What are they for?	

Now draw a diagram of the wall. Make sure you show a milecastle, turret and fort.

Activity 2: Write a reply to your mother in the form of a letter. Look at the questions that your mother is asking and try to give as much information as possible.

Dear Felix,

I am missing you terribly! Why are you still in Britannia after all this time? How long has it taken now to build this wall? It must be pretty impressive, that's all I can say! What's so special about it? That Caledonian tribe... what are they called? Well, they must be pretty threatening if Hadrian had to build such a big wall. What have they done? How big is the wall now? How many men are working on it with you? I do hope you've not been left to do all the work because I know how you let people boss you around Felix. Don't let them bully you! Where is it you are stationed and what's going on around there? I've heard the wall starts in Carlisle and ends in Cirencester. Is that right? I can never remember those British place names. Your father sends his love by the way, but he does miss your roasted dormouse speciality dinner, so do hurry home! Are you going to be needed in Britannia much longer? What are you going to do when the wall is built?

Anyway, I must dash, your Aunty Dora and I are off to see a chariot race at the Circus Maximus tonight, I can't wait!

Please write soon Felix and take care. Make sure you wear your thickest sandals on that wall. I've heard the weather can be pretty perishing up in the north of Britannia. I do worry about your poor cold toes.

Much love, Mother xx