

## History: How and why has Colchester changed over time?






### Key questions for learning:

- Why was Colchester a good place for a fortress?
- How do we know Colchester was important to the Romans?
- Why was a castle built in Colchester?
- How long have people lived in Colchester?

Key vocabulary	Definition
settler/settlement	People who move to a new place. When people start a community, this is a settlement.
tribes	A group of people of the same race, language, and customs.
Camulodunon	A Celtic fortress.
fortress	A building which is designed to defend territories.
primary source	It is something that comes from a time being studied or from a person who was involved in the events.
secondary source	It interprets or summarizes information from primary sources.
dykes and ditches	They are dug deep to channel water.
trade	Trade is the buying and selling of goods and services.
defence	The action that is taken to protect someone or something against attack.

### Key knowledge:

- Archaeologists have found stone age artefacts in around Colchester. This proves people were settled here and this time.
- Fortresses were built at different time periods to ensure protection.
- Colchester being near the river meant that it was easier to trade and protect.
- Colchester was important to the Romans because of its location near the river. It became Britain's first formally laid-out town and was useful for trade.
- William I (Norman) ordered a stone castle on the route between Colchester and London. Due to a lack of local quality stone, the Norman builders knocked down walls in Roman Colchester to build their keep.

How do we know? Primary sources (artefacts found in and around Colchester)	
	Celtic coins
	Stone age axe head
	Hill forts
	Remains of Roman walls.
	Norman castle used out of Roman brick.

