The Romans and the Anglo Saxons in York!

500 BC to AD 43

Before the Romans arrived, a Celtic tribe called the Brigantes were in charge of all of the north of England.

By AD 71 The Romans (who had already invaded parts of England) fought and defeated the Celtic tribe in York. There were lots of long battles!

AD 43 to AD 410 – The Romans!

After beating the Celts, The Romans began building their new city. They called it 'Eboracum'.

They decided to build it near where the large River Ouse and the smaller River Foss met. They built the city here because they could use the river for water, and for transportation.



The Romans didn't do anything by halves, the fortress they made was the size of 28 football pitches and took years to build! York became a wealthier city, mainly due to a very famous Roman emperor called Constantine the Great. Constantine the Great made York his home and brought lots of money with him. He was also the first emperor to support Christianity in Europe.



There is a statue of Constantine in York centre!

The Romans brought wealth, Christianity, roads, fortresses, and lots of other things to York!

AD 1410 to AD 865



In 410 The Romans decided they'd had enough of England, and decided to leave.

The city of York then fell under the rule of the "Anglo-Saxons" who decided to rename York: Eoforwic.

The city was still a really important place: schools, libraries and a famous monastery were all built there by the Anglo Saxons. The Anglo-Saxons weren't very strong though and in AD 865, the Vikings invaded and took over York.