

Julius Caesar and the Gallic Wars



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Instructions: Use the word bank to label the map. Read the Did you know? box. Number the 4 events in order, tick True or False, match each word to its meaning, then write short answers.

Word bank (places): Alesia Alexandria Britain landing (Kent) Pharsalus Rome Rubicon

1. Label the map



1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____
5 _____ 6 _____

Did you know?

- Caesar wrote his own book about the war in Gaul, describing himself in the third person.
- At Alesia, Romans built two rings of walls around the town.
- Caesar was killed on 15 March, a day called the Ides of March.



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About this story

Caesar was born in 100 BC into an old but not very rich noble family. He was charming, clever and borrowed huge sums of money to win popularity.

2. Put the events in order

Write 1 to 4 in the boxes (1 = first).

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| ☐ Siege of Alesia | ☐ First Triumvirate formed |
| ☐ Caesar killed on the Ides of March | ☐ Caesar crosses the Rubicon |

3. True or false?

Caesar conquered Gaul.	☐ True	☐ False
Vercingetorix was a Gallic leader.	☐ True	☐ False
Caesar crossed the River Thames in 49 BC to start a civil war.	☐ True	☐ False
Caesar was made dictator for life.	☐ True	☐ False

4. Match up

Write the letter of the right meaning in the box.

Triumvirate	A. An official given total power, normally only for an emergency.
Gaul	B. An alliance of three powerful men.
Dictator	C. A war between groups from the same country.
Civil war	D. The region of modern France, Belgium and nearby.

5. Short answers

- Which land did Caesar conquer?

- What river did he cross in 49 BC?

- On what day was he killed?

- Explain in your own words: In your own words, explain what the First Triumvirate was.

- Stretch: How did Caesar win at Alesia?

