

The Battle of the Teutoburg Forest

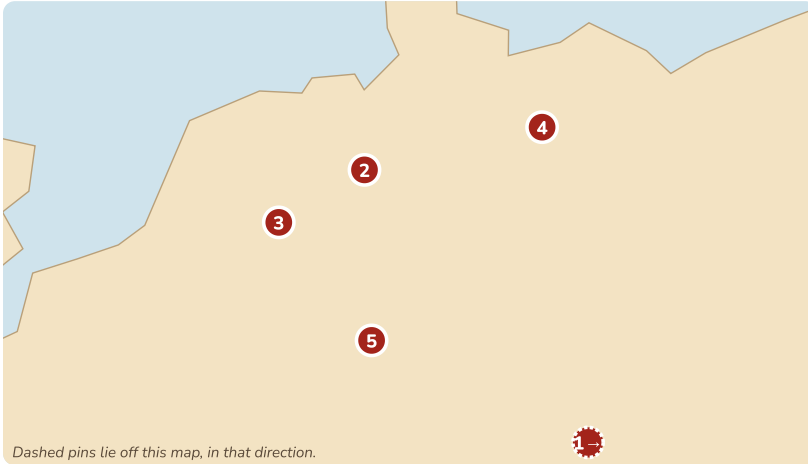
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Instructions: No word bank: name the numbered places from memory or from the module. Number the events in order and write each date. Analyse the source, explain significance, then write full-sentence answers and plan the essay.

1. Name the places (no word bank)



1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____
5 _____

Did you know?

- The legions lost were the XVII, XVIII and XIX; those numbers were never used again.
- Arminius held Roman citizenship and equestrian rank before turning against Rome.
- Finds at Kalkriese include coins, weapons and a famous iron cavalry face mask.
- After the defeat Rome largely gave up conquering Germany east of the Rhine.

Background

After Caesar's death, his adopted son Octavian won the civil wars. In 27 BC the Senate gave him the name Augustus, and he became the first emperor, although he called himself just 'first citizen' (princeps). Augustus wanted to push the frontier from the Rhine to the River Elbe, in the land Romans called Germania. Roman armies built camps there and began to treat it like a province. In 7 AD Augustus sent Publius Quinctilius Varus to govern it.

2. Timeline: order and date

Number the events 1 to 6 (1 = earliest) and write the date of each.

#	Event	Date
1	Varus made governor of Germania	
2	Arminius killed by his own people	
3	Battle of the Teutoburg Forest	
4	Battlefield found at Kalkriese	
5	Octavian becomes Augustus	
6	Germanicus campaigns, recovers eagles	

4. Significance

Person or term	Who or what? Why were they significant?
Augustus	
Varus	
Arminius	
Germanicus	
Emperor	

3. Source analysis

Augustus was so shaken by the disaster that for months he let his beard and hair grow, and sometimes he would beat his head against a door, crying out: "Quintilius Varus, give me back my legions!"

Suetonius, Life of the Deified Augustus 23 (written c.120 AD; paraphrased)

1. How did Augustus react to the news, according to Suetonius?

2. What does the source suggest about how serious the defeat was?

3. Why might Suetonius include this story? How reliable is it?

5. Cause and consequence

1. Explain two reasons why Varus's army was defeated.

2. Explain two consequences of the battle.

6. Longer answers (full sentences)

1. List three reasons the Romans lost.

2. Why was Arminius's position unusual?

3. How does archaeology add to written sources?

4. How did the battle shape Europe's future?

5. Explain in your own words: How do archaeologists know where the battle took place?

7. Essay question

Essay: Was the Teutoburg Forest a turning point in Roman history? Explain with evidence.

Plan: introduction · point for (evidence) · point against (evidence) · conclusion with your judgement.
