

The Battle of the Teutoburg Forest

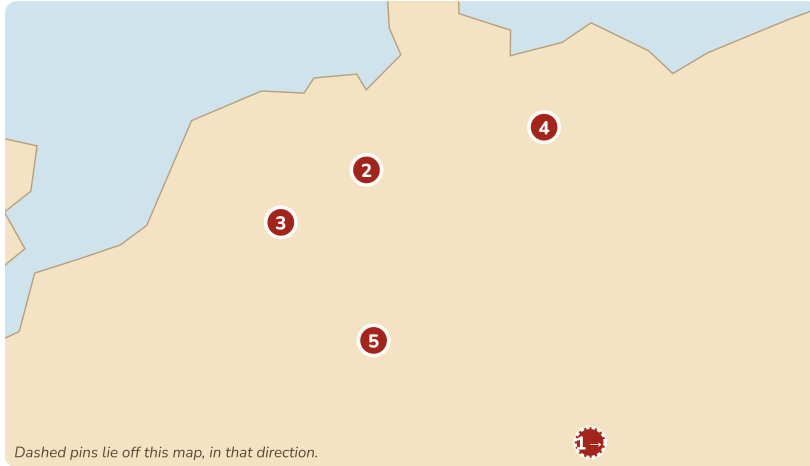


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Instructions: Use the word bank to label the map. Read the Did you know? box. Number the 4 events in order, tick True or False, match each word to its meaning, then write short answers.

Word bank (places): Kalkriese Mogontiacum (Mainz) River Elbe River Rhine (Xanten) Rome

1. Label the map

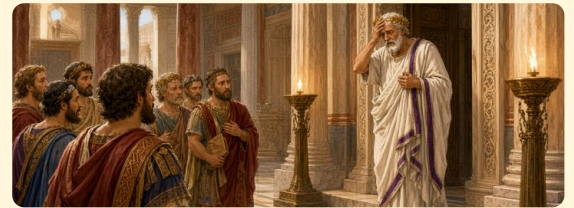


Dashed pins lie off this map, in that direction.

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Did you know?

- Arminius was a German prince who had served in the Roman army.
- The battle happened in thick forest, in heavy rain.
- Archaeologists found the battlefield at Kalkriese in Germany.



Give me back my legions!

About this story

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.

2. Put the events in order

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

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| ☐ Varus made governor of Germania | ☐ Octavian becomes Augustus |
| ☐ Germanicus campaigns, recovers eagles | ☐ Battle of the Teutoburg Forest |

3. True or false?

Three Roman legions were destroyed in the Teutoburg Forest.	☐ True	☐ False
Varus did not trust Arminius at all.	☐ True	☐ False
The weather helped the Germans.	☐ True	☐ False
The battlefield has never been found.	☐ True	☐ False

4. Match up

Write the letter of the right meaning in the box.

Emperor	A. The border of the empire.
Province	B. The single ruler of the Roman Empire.
Frontier	C. A surprise attack from hiding.
Ambush	D. A region ruled by Rome with a governor.

5. Short answers

- Who was the Roman governor?

- What was the weather like during the battle?

- What did Augustus shout?

- Explain in your own words: In your own words, explain why Varus trusted Arminius.

- Stretch: Why did the forest and the weather help the Germans?

