

# Roman Legionary and Celtic Warrior

## Aims

- To understand how historians and archaeologists have used various kinds of evidence to discover what a Roman legionary and a Celtic warrior's armour was like
- To understand the relationship between the function and design of items belonging to a legionary and Celtic Warrior's equipment
- To gain an insight into the lifestyles of a legionary and a Celtic Warrior
- To contrast their different approaches to war

## Preparation

This session would fit in with any work on the Roman Empire and Celts, but avoid preliminary work on Roman soldiers or Celtic warriors as this could pre-empt the activity.

## Programme

A short introduction gives the context: For centuries, historians failed to grasp - from contemporary pictures and writings only - the essential features of a legionaries armour. Then, the discovery of real Roman armour made it possible to reconstruct the equipment and understand how it functioned. Celtic armour has also been found. The aims will be achieved through eliciting information, as volunteers are dressed in replica armour. If there is time, each student will have the chance to handle the replica items.

The handling session is followed by a question and answer session.

## Follow-up

Use books to research a 'day in the life' of a legionary or a Celtic Warrior.



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