

Life in Roman Britain

Read pages 44–48 in your textbook and answer the following:

- 1 Describe how the majority of the Britons lived.
- 2 What began to appear thirty years after the Roman invasion?
- 3 What were the purposes of these structures?
- 4 Give one sign of Roman influence on the Britons.
- 5 Describe the layout and building materials of this new building.
- 6 From what two items were the later villas constructed?
- 7 List thirteen things the grandest villas had.
- 8 What were two practical considerations an owner would look for before building a villa?

Farming

- 1 What were five main crops?
- 2 For what five purposes were a variety of farm animals kept?
- 3 What did ancient peoples use for sweetener?
- 4 Name two foods the Romans introduced to Britain.
- 5 How did the Britons expand their farmland into marshlands?
- 6 What would the occupiers of villas do to get things they could not produce?
- 7 Who supervised the villa? What would his standing in society probably have been?
- 8 What were three of his responsibilities?
- 9 List six industries provided by country estates.
- 10 What discovery indicated that there was no longer a barter economy in Britain?

The Slaves

- 1 What was one landowner's definition of farm slaves?
- 2 Compare the probable origin of Salvius' farm slaves to that of his household slaves.
- 3 Compare the working conditions for domestic, farm, and mine slaves.
- 4 Why were slaves sent to the mines?
- 5 In what area did most slaves continue to work?
- 6 In theory what protection did the law give to slaves? In practice?
- 7 How did the availability of slaves in the first century A.D. affect their cost?
- 8 What was, thus, the effect on the owner?