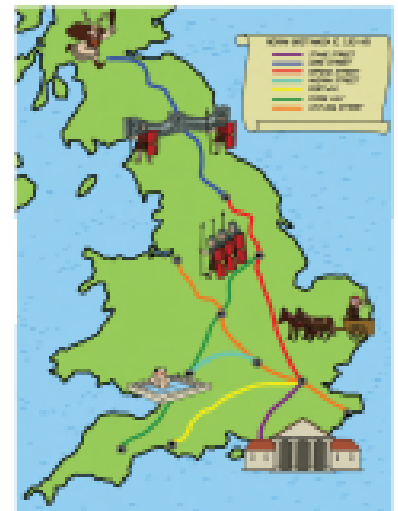


The Romans in Scotland

Key things to remember:

- Scotland was called Caledonia
- The Romans tried to invade Caledonia
 - The Pict people fought back
- The Romans build Hadrian's Wall



The area that we now call Scotland was called **Caledonia** during Roman times. The Romans called some of the people living in Caledonia 'Pict' which comes from the word Picti meaning *painted people* in Latin. Some historians think that the Pict people may have painted or tattooed their faces and bodies.

Once the Romans had control of the South of Britain, they tried to invade the rest of the island. The Pict people fought back against the Roman invasion. The Romans and the Picts had a large battle at a place called **Mons Graupius** in approximately 83AD. The Roman **General Agricola** led the Roman soldiers into battle and many Picts were killed. Only a small number of Roman soldiers died. The Romans won because they had a well organised army.

The Pict people did not give up and kept on fighting the Romans. Despite winning the Battle of Mons Graupius, the Romans decided to stop trying to invade Scotland. They thought that Scotland was too cold and difficult to conquer. Instead they decided to build a wall all the way across Britain and leave the north of the island alone. The wall was called Hadrian's Wall and was named after the Roman Emperor Hadrian. It stretched from one coast to the other and had lots of Roman forts along it. Roman soldiers would guard the wall at all times. Hadrian's Wall was the edge of the Roman Empire.