



Invaders and Settlers: Romans



Learning Objective:

To explore who Boudica was from different points of view

Do you know who this is?



What can you tell about her from this picture?

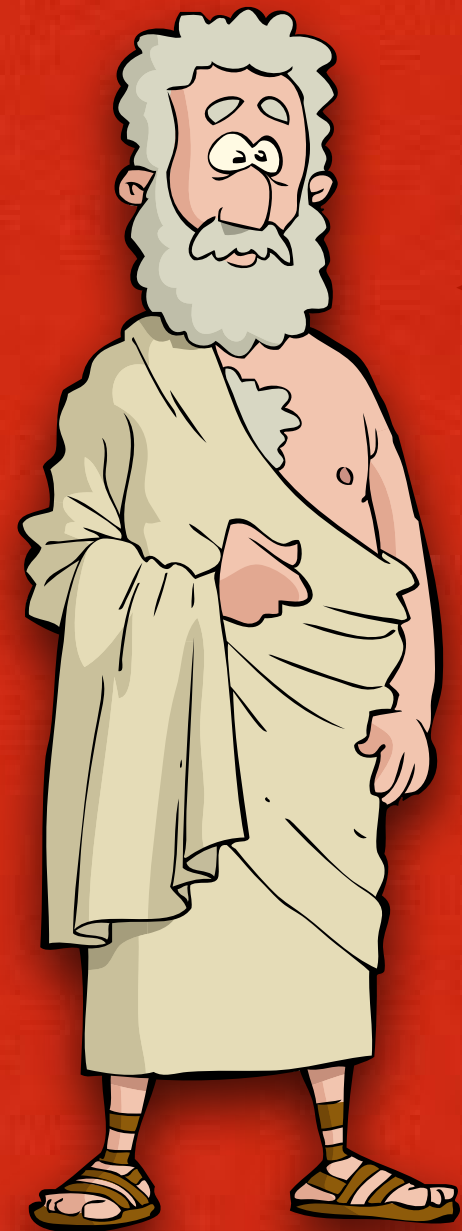
Think, pair, then share your ideas.



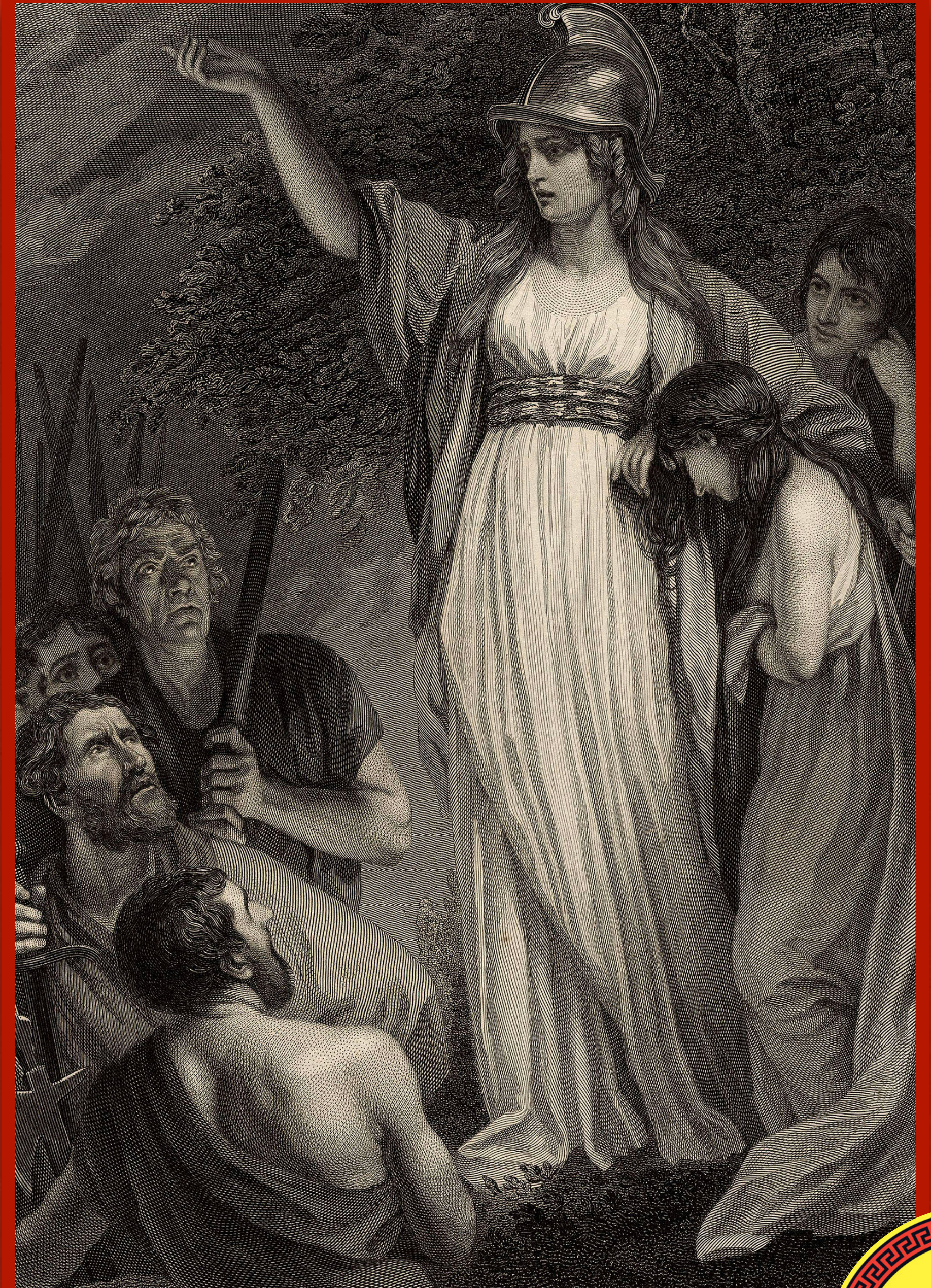
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This is **Boudica**. She was the wife of Prasutagus, who was the king of the Celtic **Iceni tribe**. When the Romans invaded in 43 AD, they allowed Prasutagus to keep his land.



The name Boudica can be pronounced in two ways:
boe-di-see-a or **boo-dik-a**



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However, when Prasutagus died and Boudica became queen of the Iceni, the Romans took control of all the Iceni lands by force. They confiscated all of their property, and all the dead king's relatives were made slaves. When Boudica protested against this, they beat and flogged her and her daughters.

How do you think this made Boudica feel? How do you think it made the Iceni tribe feel?



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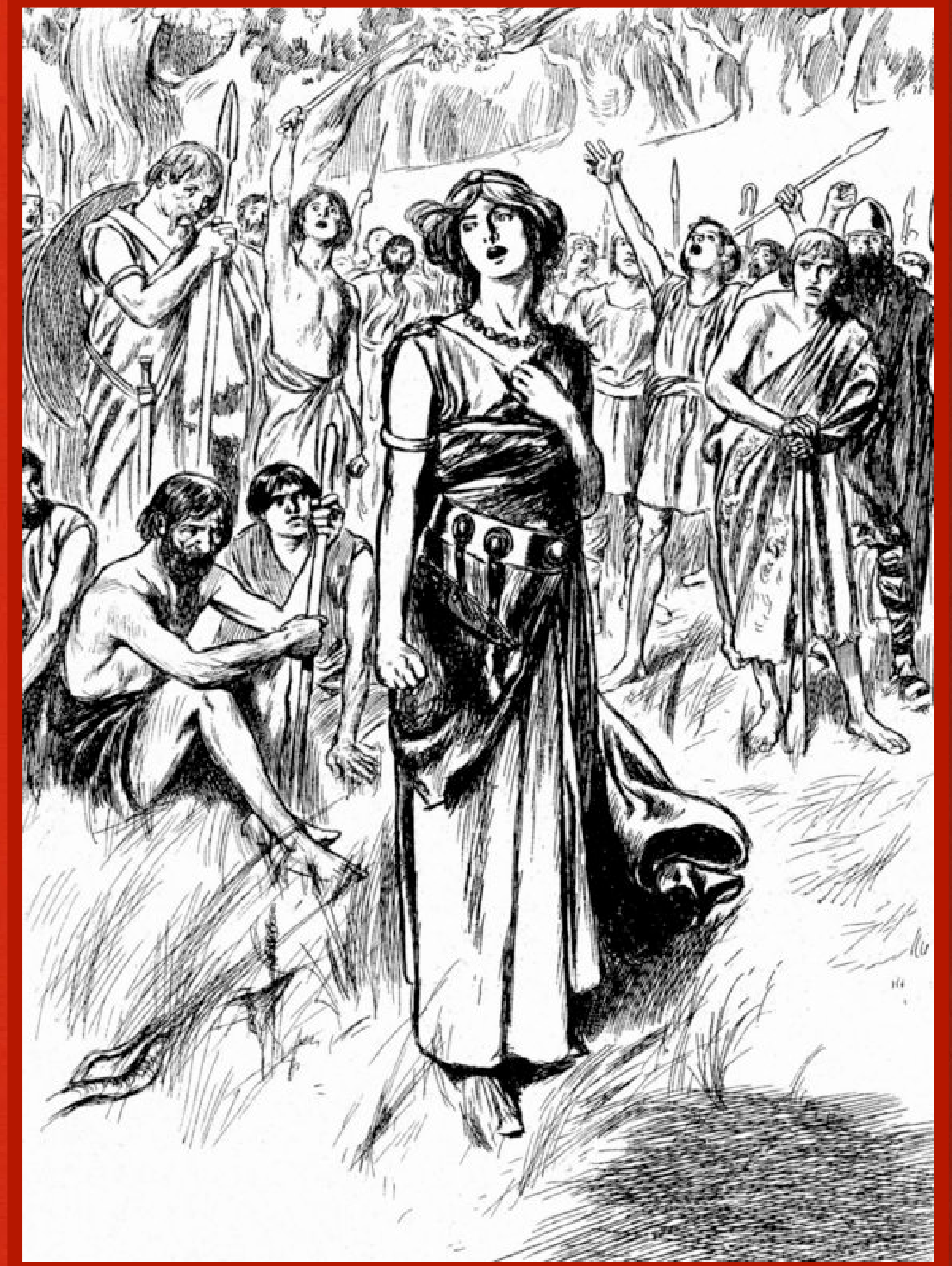
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Boudica was **furious** with the Roman rulers. She thought they were **tyrannical** and **evil**. Their actions caused widespread **resentment** towards the Romans' rule of Britain.



What do you think Boudica did? What would you have done if you were her?

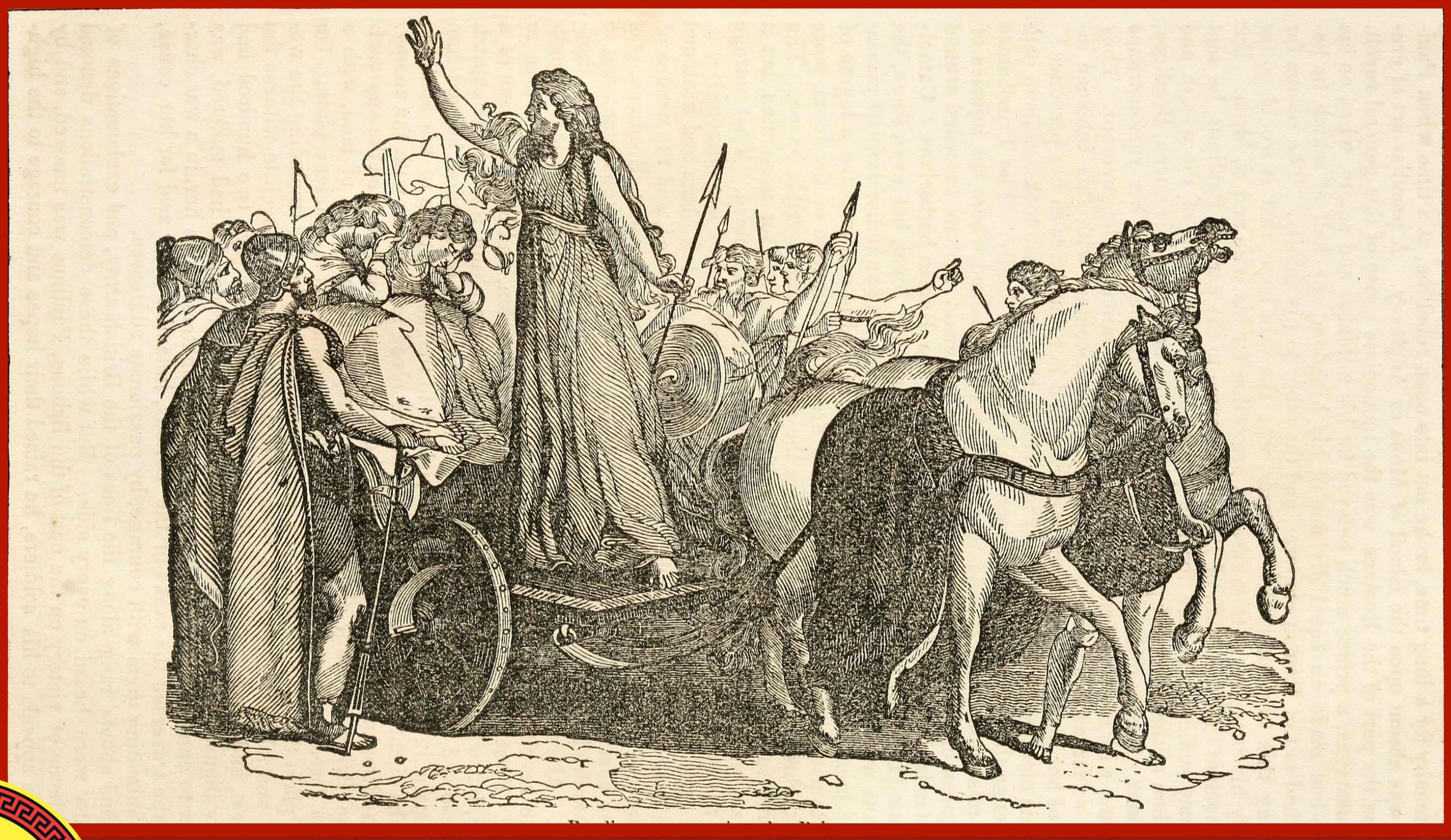
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Between 60–61 AD, Boudica led a **revolt** against the Romans. She led the Iceni, and other tribes who were also unhappy with Roman rule, into battle. They marched to Colchester, which was then the capital of Roman Britain, and defeated the Roman legion there.



A **revolt** is when a person or group refuse to accept the rules and power of another person or group. Usually, a violent attempt is made to change the situation.



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What is **your** opinion of Boudica and her decision to revolt against the Romans? Do you think she made the right choice?



Explain your reasoning to a partner.



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How do you think
the **Celts** felt
about Boudica's
actions?



How do you think
the **Romans** felt
about Boudica's
actions?

Discuss your thoughts and ideas as a class,
then prepare to be hot-seated as either a
Celt or a Roman!

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Use these questions (and your own!) to hot-seat some Celts and Romans about their view of Boudica:

Do you think Boudica and her tribe were treated fairly by the Romans?

Is Boudica brave or foolish? Why?

Do you agree or disagree with Boudica's decision to revolt against Roman rule?

Is Boudica going to be successful in defeating the Romans?



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Now it's time for you to explore the different viewpoints of Boudica yourself...

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Plenary:

With a partner, discuss and decide who is likely to have made the following statements, a **Celt** or a **Roman**?

"Boudica is a strong, courageous warrior."



"I admire her for standing up for her people."

"She needs to understand that the Celts are no longer in charge."



"Boudica is a wild, deranged mad-woman!"