

# Prehistoric Tribes

## What did the Romans say about the Britons?

In the North-East of England, where we are, we would have been part of the Brigantes tribe who were led for a time by Queen Cartimandua. None of these tribes had a written language so everything we know about Cartimandua comes from Roman writers such as Tacitus. This means only the Roman point of view is known, which leads to inaccuracies and exaggerations. Historians call this bias.

Draw your Brigantes tribe member in the box below - think about their clothes, hair and any tools they might be carrying. Now, pretend you are a Roman historian and describe your tribe person to a friend. Remember, don't be too nice! As you give the details of your person to your friend, they should try drawing them.

Draw the person who leads your tribe.

Draw the person your friend describes.

When you are both finished, compare the pictures. How alike are they? What did you get right and what is not so accurate? This is just like understanding historical sources.



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