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and Languages of the World**



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Lovely Latin: Vindolanda

Let's look at the Vindolanda writing tablets

Why this lesson?

- We can spot links between Latin and English.
- We can see that Latin has influenced the English language and other languages.
- We can see that our history, geography, language and culture has influence from Latin.
- **Latin was brought to British shores when the Romans landed in 43 AD.**
- **Latin was brought here again by the Normans in 1066 (who also brought Norman French.)**





Roman Numerals

Rearrange these roman numerals into the correct order from 1 to 10.

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iV

iX

Vii

Vi

V

ii

Viii

X

i

Big Questions

Who was Hadrian?

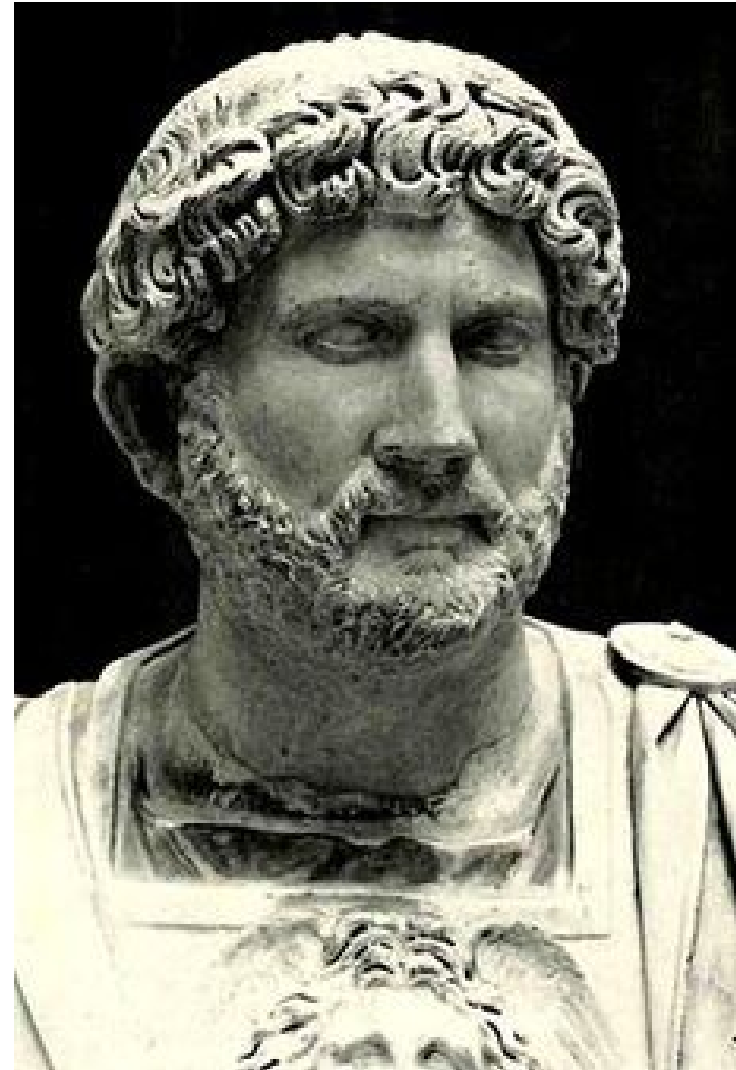
What are the features of Hadrian's Wall?

What are the Vendolanda Writing tablets?

Why are the Vendolanda Writing tablets important?

Hadrian

- Who was Hadrian?
- What did he do?



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Hadrian

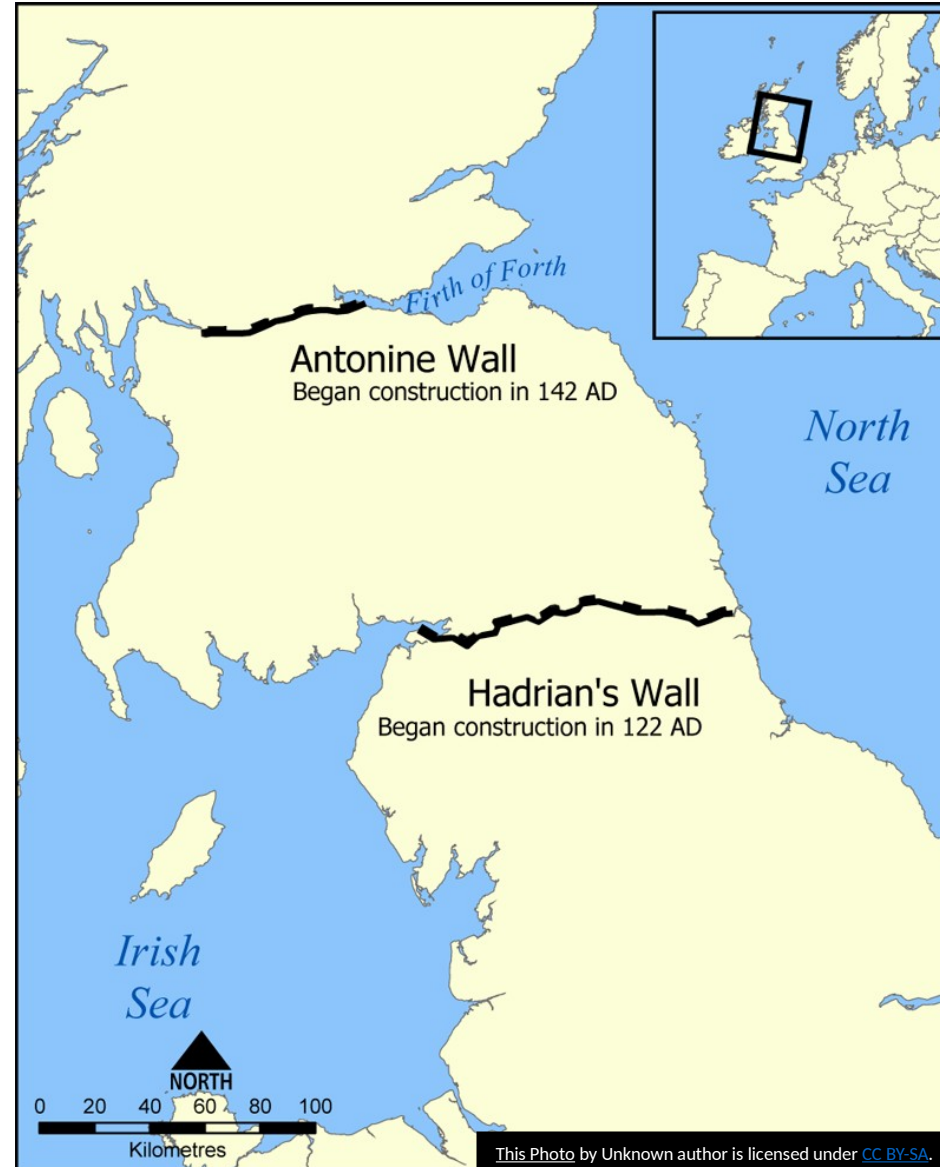
- Hadrian was the Roman emperor from 117 to 138.
- Hadrian liked to invest in developing stable defensive borders.
- He loved building and rebuilt the Pantheon in Rome.
- He encouraged military preparedness and discipline.
- He reigned relatively peacefully.



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Hadrian's Wall – a map

- Where is Hadrian's Wall?
- What do you think was the purpose of the wall?
- <https://youtu.be/pmmfS4Z4Jig>



Hadrian's Wall – a picture

It marked the northern limits of Roman Britannica.



Vindolanda

Vindolanda was a Roman auxiliary fort just south of Hadrian's Wall in northern England.

Excavations of the site show it was under Roman occupation from roughly 85 AD to 370 AD.

It is famous for the Vindolanda tablets, a set of wooden leaf-tablets.

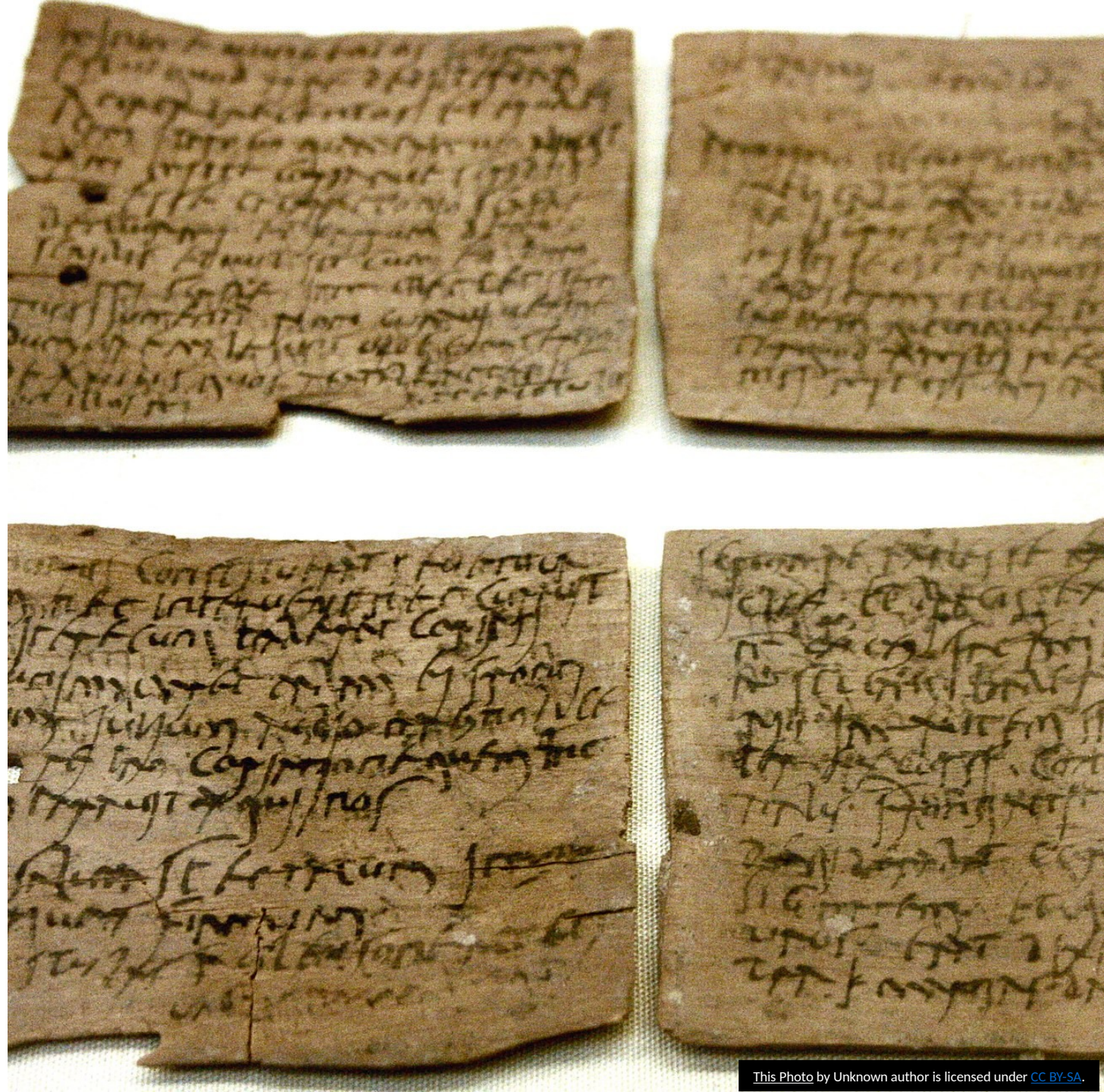


The Vindolanda Writing Tablets

They are delicate, wafer-thin slivers of wood covered in spidery ink writing.

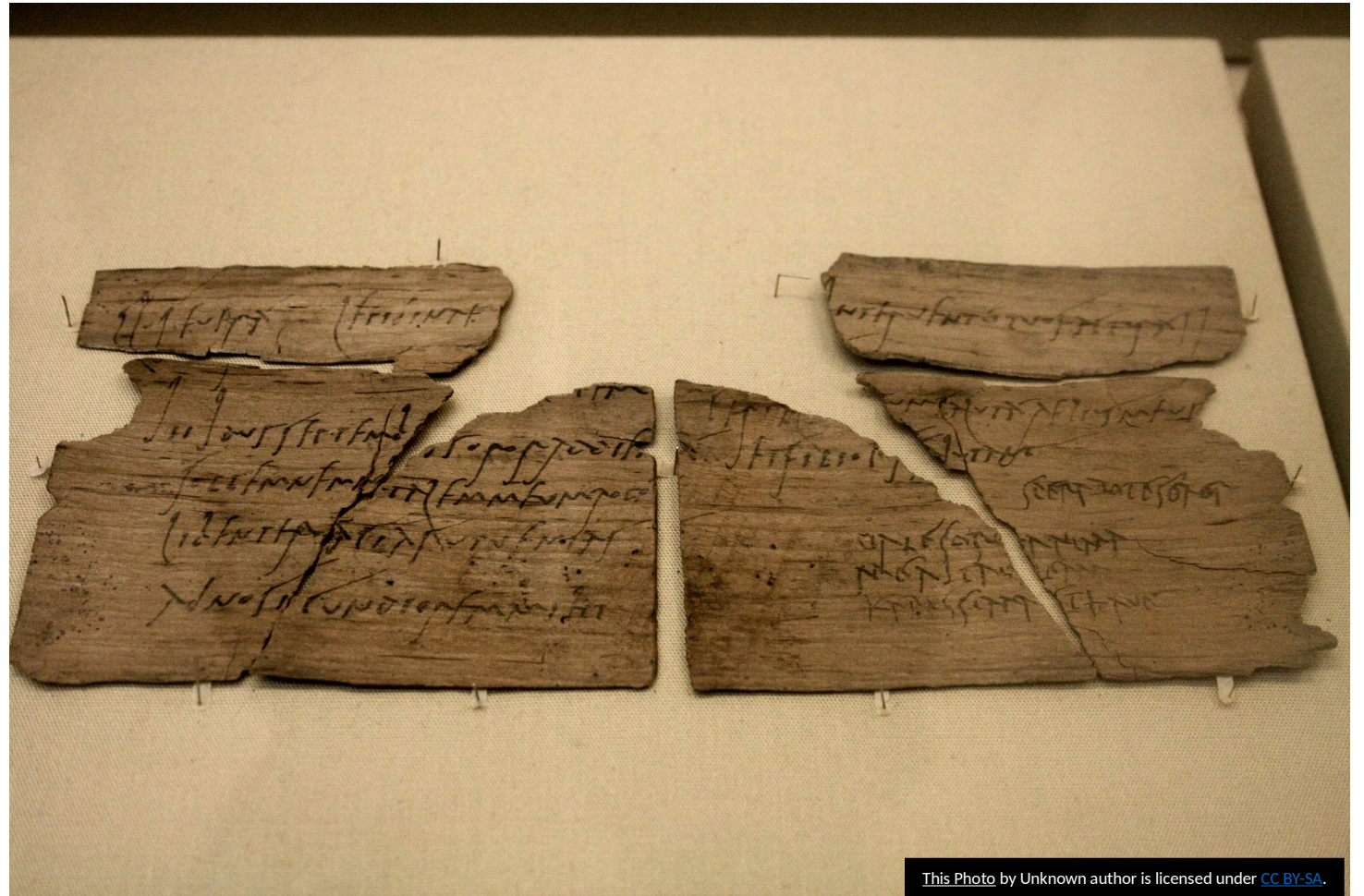
The tablets were found deeply buried in the early wooden forts.

At the time of their discovery, they were oldest surviving handwritten documents in Britain.



A Vindolanda Letter

- Look carefully at the beautiful writing.
- This is tablet 291, found in 1985 and now housed at The British Museum.



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