

Maps and Notes to Supplement Churchill's *A  
History of the English-Speaking Peoples*

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# Preface

Winston Churchill's *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*, at least in its abridgment for the American audience, is an excellent history, but it lacks maps. A reader like me will have some difficulty in visualizing the location of one or another event because of his unfamiliarity with geography and with the evolution of place names over time. The present work is an effort to provide a visual reference for Churchill's book.



# Chapter 1

## Britannia

On Page 1 is a reference to Gaul, which Julius Caesar had in 55 BC just finished conquering. Figure 1.1 depicts the Roman view of Gaul at the time. Gaul then covered the territory now covered by France, Luxembourg, Belgium, part of the Netherlands, and part of Germany. At this time, Caesar turned his attention to Britannia, whose people were of the same general, Celtic culture as those in Gaul. Churchill writes, “The Islanders had helped the local tribes in the late campaigns along the northern coast of Gaul.... British volunteers had shared the defeat of the Veneti on the coasts of Brittany in the previous year.” The location of the Veneti is indicated in Figure 1.1, and Brittany is located in Figure 1.2.

On Page 2 is a reference to Caesar’s timber bridge across the Rhine above Coblenz, whose location can be found in Figure 1.1. A magnified view is provided in Figure 1.3. The bridge is regarded as a marvel of military engineering. After the bridge was destroyed, Caesar marched his troops westward to the shore somewhere between Boulogne and Calais. The location of Boulogne can be found in Figure 1.1. The location of Calais can be found in Figure 1.4



Figure 1.1: Gaul as viewed by the Romans in the First Century BC. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gauls>

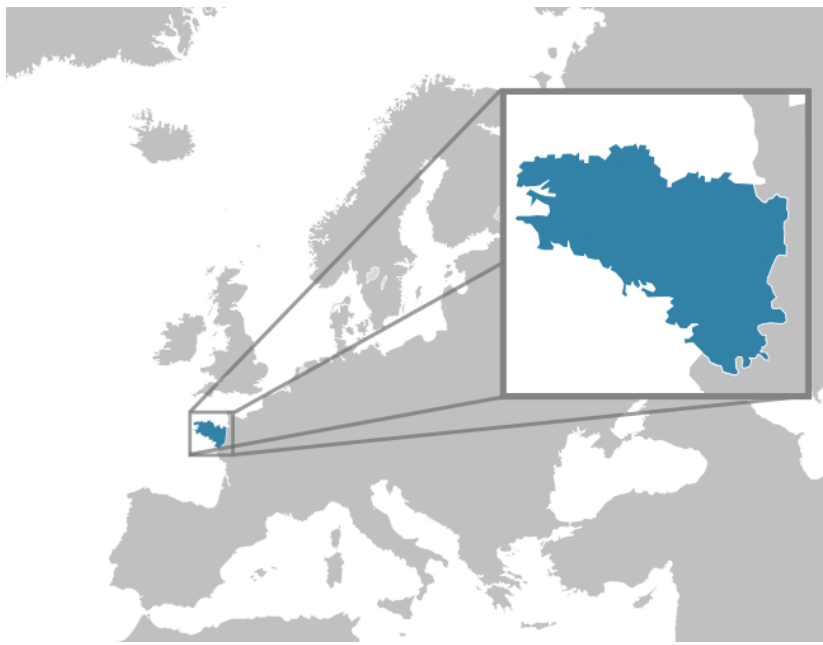


Figure 1.2: Brittany's location in northwest France. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brittany>



Figure 1.3: Location of Caesar's Rhine crossing. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caesar's\\_Rhine\\_bridges](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caesar's_Rhine_bridges)





Figure 1.4: Location of Calais. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calais>

