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'The Beachy Head Lady' lived in England

KEY INFORMATION:

The Beachy _____ Lady was a person of sub-Saharan _____ descent. She lived in Roman Britain during the approximate period of AD 125-245. She is the first known example of a Black Briton.



Shade the areas of the map which was part of the Roman Empire in 125AD.

"the Beachy Head Lady was therefore a second or third century Afro-Roman who had been brought up in the south of England and had either been born in that region or brought their when very young, possibly from Africa. The radioisotope analysis also suggested that she was well nourished in her youth, having had a diet rich in fish and vegetables, details that were encoded in the chemicals of her teeth. The facts that those teeth were in good condition, that she enjoyed a healthy diet and was discovered laid out carefully in her grave go to suggest that in life she had not served in a lowly position, or lived as a slave" (D. Olusoga, *Black and British: a Forgotten History*).

1. What can archaeology and science tell us about 'the Beachy Head Lady'

1. Where and when was the Beachy Head Lady discovered?

2. In what period did the Beachy Head Lady live?

3. Who ruled Britain during the time of the Beachy Head Lady?

What does the existence of the Beachy Head Lady tell us about the presence of Black People in Britain throughout History?

Useful websites, videos and podcasts

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-sussex-25962183>
- <https://face2faceafrica.com/article/beachy-head-lady-is-the-first-black-in-british-history-from-sub-saharan-africa-who-lived-in-the-3rd-century>
- <https://thinkafrica.net/beachy-head-lady/>

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