

**1. The monk Gildas - written between 516 – 547 from *De Excidio et Conquestu Britanniae***

‘...that deceitful lioness, who put to death the rulers (which Claudius) had left in Britain, to unfold more fully and completely the enterprise of the Romans.’

**2. Geoffrey of Monmouth (12th Century)**

Makes no mention of Boudicca at all in his *Historia Regum Britanniae* – just concentrates on King Arthur (who may never have existed).

**3. Vergil de Castillo – 1534 from *Historiae Anglicae Libri XXVI***

This writer read the accounts of Boudicca in Tacitus and Dio Casius written in Roman times. However, he got confused and created two different people — Voadicca, from Tacitus, and Bonduca from Dio Casius.

**4. Hector Boece 1527 *History of Scotland***

Confuses the story further and writes that ‘Voada’ gets help against the Romans from her brother Corbrede, king of the Scots. He describes the British as a ‘Barbarian people’

**5. Sir Henry Savile 1591 (an English translation of Tacitus’ *Annales* and *Agricola*)**

‘If thou (you) dislike their wars, be thankful for thine (your) own peace; if thou does abhor (hate) their tyrannies, love and reverence thine own wise, just and excellent Prince (Elizabeth). If thou doest (does) detest (hate) their Anarchy, acknowledge our own happy government and thank God for her, under whom England enjoys as many benefits as ever Reign did suffer miseries under the greatest Tyrant’ (*Henry Savile, using Boudicca to tell his readers about Elizabeth*)

**6. Edmund Spenser c.1590 *The Ruine Of Time***

But long ere this Bunduca Britonesse  
Her mighty host against my bulwarks brought,  
Bunduca, that victorious conqueresse,  
That lifting up her brave heroic thought  
Brave women’s weakness, with the Romans fought,  
Fought, and in field against them thrice prevailed:  
Yet was she foiled, when as she me assailed.

**7. John Fletcher 1614 – ‘Bonduca’ (a play)**

Caratacus is the central character and Boudicca rides a ‘cart’ not a chariot and is shown as stupid and boastful. ‘A woman beat ‘em...a weak woman, a woman beat these Romans’

**8. Thomas Heywood, 1640 from *Exemplary Lives***

Boudicca was — ‘A mother and nurse of magnanimity (being generous or fair)’

**9. John Milton 1670 – *History of Britain***

‘...the Britons never more plainly manifested (showed) themselves to be right barbarians; no rule, no foresight, no forecast, experience or estimation, either of themselves or of their enemies; such confusion, such impotence, as seem not like a war, but a wild hurry of a distracted woman, with as mad a crew at her heels’

*Modern translation: ‘The Britains never showed more clearly that they really were open (mad) barbarians; they could not rule themselves, they had no idea about themselves or their enemies but followed a wild fast-moving madwoman with a crowd who were just as mad behind her.’*

**10. William Cowper, 1780 *Boadicea* (poem)**

She, with all a monarch’s pride,  
Felt them in her bosom glow;  
Rushed to battle, fought, and died;  
Dying, hurled them at the foe

**11. Alfred Tennyson 1860 *Boadicea* (poem)**

‘So the Queen Boadicea, standing loftily charioted,  
Brandishing in her hand a dart and rolling glances lioness-like...’

**12. 1850 – Work begins on a statue of Boudicca** £4,300 is raised from the public for it and Prince Albert (Queen Victoria’s husband) wants it put up at the entrance to Hyde Park.

**13. 1902** – The statue of Boudicca is finally unveiled.

**14. Marie Trevelyan, 1900 *'Britain's Greatness Foretold: The story of Boadicea, the British Warrior-Queen'***

'For Britain, Boadicea and Freedom'

**15. Mrs Luca Shadwell at a meeting of the 'Women of the Primrose League' (Conservative organisation keen on Empire)**

'Dames of the Primrose League, women of England, look back to the time when Boadicea, the British Warrior Queen, sought vengeance (revenge) of her country's Gods for the insults and injuries of the Roman Conquerors'

**16. The Two World Wars 1914—1918 and 1939—1945**

In the First World War a stretch of the Western front is named the 'Boadicea Redoubt' and in both the Wars the Royal Navy names ships 'Boadicea'

**17. The Falklands War 1982**

Margaret Thatcher (Prime Minister) is shown in the 'Daily Mail' as a Boadicea character dragging a chariot behind her.

**18. By Dan Snow; Military Historian, 2004**

Superpowers like to think they are untouchable. But they should never forget the lesson of Britain's celebrated Boudicca, a guerrilla leader who struck fear into her conquerors, a new BBC programme reveals.

**19. *Sunday Herald Newspaper, 25th July 2004***

SUPERWOMAN with a chariot, Essex girl with attitude, Celtic madonna with a spear, Maggie Thatcher with dreads, Braveheart with a bra: these are just some of the images that have been dug up to explain why Hollywood has suddenly gone ape about Boudicca or Boadicea, an British glamourpuss from the dark ages who is a writer's dream.