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So you think you know everything about the Romans? They gave us sophisticated road systems, chariots and the modern-day calendar. And of course they had to contend with barbarian hordes who continually threatened the peace, safety and prosperity of their Empire. Didn't they?

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Terry Jones is most famous as a member of Monty Python. He has directed several feature films including Monty Python and the Holy Grail, The Life of Brian and The Meaning of Life. He is the author of several children's books and of three books on medieval England: Chaucer's Knight, the highly acclaimed Who Murdered Chaucer? and Terry Jones' Medieval Lives.

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