



Classical Antiquity

Empire Without End: Hadrian's Wall

Life on Hadrian's Wall



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You are one of 800 soldiers living in one of the 16 forts built along the length of Hadrian's Wall.

Your task:

Write a diary entry of no more than 500 words describing a day in your life on Hadrian's Wall. Your entry should include:

- an outline of your typical duties.
- a description of the facilities inside the fort and your usage of them.
- a description of your typical interaction with those on either side of the wall.
- how you feel about your job and the empire more broadly.
- an explanation of what you are doing in the picture above.

A valuable research tool for this task is the Vindolanda tablets, which document the details of daily life in a Roman Empire fort in Britain. Translations can be found online.

