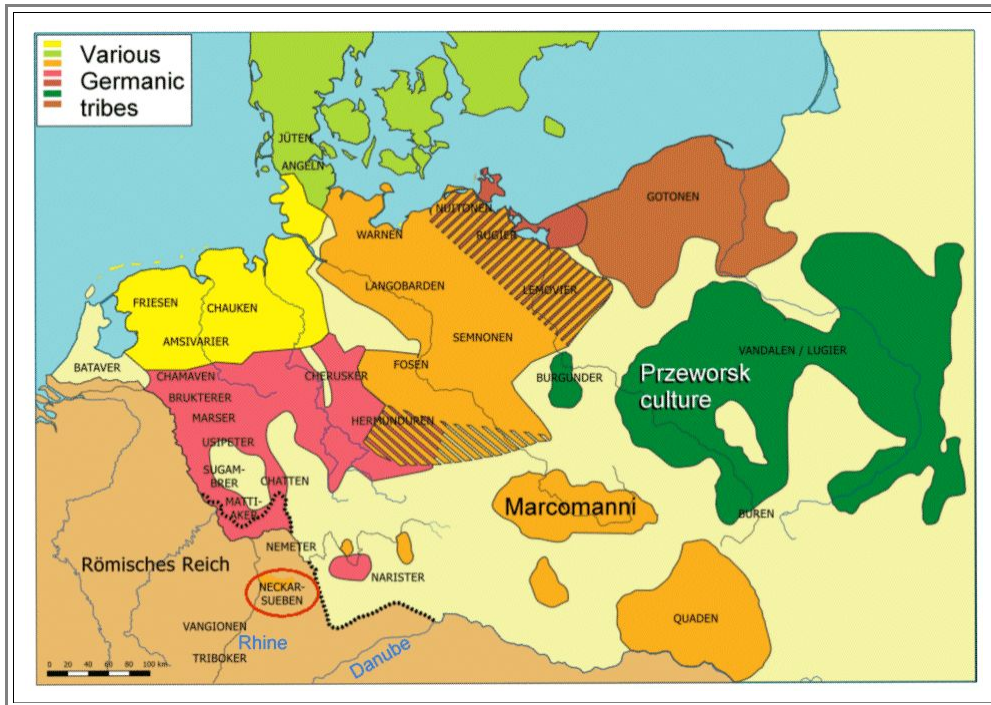


Maps of Various Cultures

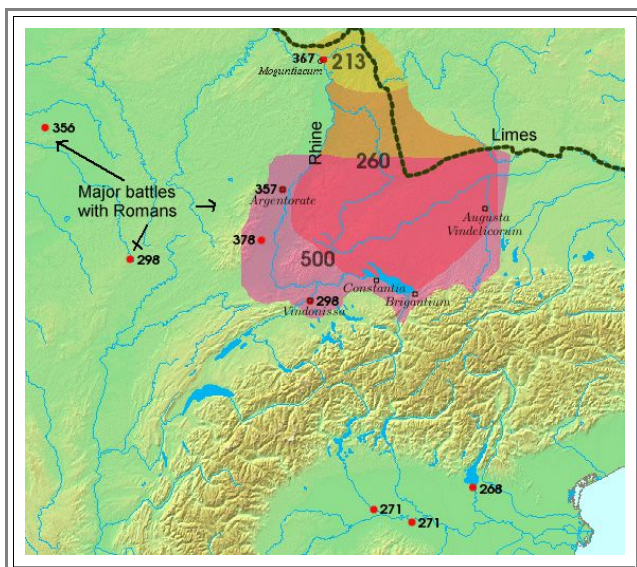
I have these maps in a *science* module because you need to know a bit about European history (not to mention geography) for understanding these maps. I will therefore not explain the details; you know all that. The maps appear in the same order as the sequence of the important cultures mentioned [here](#). All maps are from Wikipedia; some I have modified a little bit.

- First the **Marcomanni**:
The map shows the Marcomanni and other Germanic tribes around 50 AD.
The Marcomanni and the Quadi are in the area of modern Bohemia.



Next the **Alemanni**. They were first mentioned by the Romans in 213 AD. The Alemanni captured the Roman "Agri Decumates" area in 260 AD, and later expanded into present-day Alsace, and northern Switzerland, leading to the establishment of the Old High German language in those regions. In 496 AD the Alemanni were conquered by the Frankish leader **Clovis**, the first king of the Franks and of what would become France. The French, *of course*, pronounced his name "Louis", the name borne by 18 kings of France.

- In 746, Carloman ended an uprising by summarily executing all Alemannic nobility at the [blood court at Cannstatt](#), and for the following century, Alemannia was ruled by Frankish dukes. Following the treaty of Verdun of 843, Alemannia became a province of the eastern kingdom of Louis the German, the precursor of the Holy Roman Empire. The duchy persisted until 1268. We still resent that!



Here is a map of the Roman **limes**, the fortified wall or palisade separating the civilized world from the "**Barbaricum**". What we see here is actually the "Limes Germanicus", 568 km long with at least 60 forts and 900 watchtowers. It was in place from about 80 AD to about 260 AD.

My birth place is marked by an "x", and [Cannstatt](#) is marked by a red box.

