

History Topic: British Empire

Key Term	Meaning
Civilise	To teach people to follow European values and abandon their traditional way of life.
Colonise	To send settlers to and take control over a place or country
Colony	A country ruled by another country. e.g., India was a British colony
Compensation	Money given to someone in return for a loss or damage
Constitution	The rule book of a country
East India Company	A private trading company that colonised India
Empire	A group of countries, people or land ruled by one single, powerful country.
Emperor/Empress	The ruler of an empire
Export	Transporting and selling goods that are made
Famine	A period of time when very little food was available, and people starved to death
Imperialism	When a country wants to control other lands and places by building an empire.
Independence	When a country or a person declares freedom from outside control
Import	When goods are brought into Britain from abroad
Mutiny	An open rebellion against authority, especially soldiers or sailors against their officers
Raj	A Hindi word that means 'rule' or 'kingdom'
Raw material	Natural materials such as coal or cotton which have to be turned into finished goods in a factory.
Resistance	The refusal to accept or comply with something
Sepoy	An Indian soldier fighting for the British or another European country
Superpower	A very powerful and influential country
Sphere of Influence	An area where another country can exert control or influence over the government and/or people
Viceroy	A 'deputy king' – somebody who rules a colony on behalf of a king or queen
Wealth	A large amount of money or possessions

Expectation: You need to learn the spelling and definition of these key terms

