

KS3 History (Year 8)- How significant was the British Empire in shaping the world?

1600	1607	1615	1620	1754-1763	1776	1803	1819	1858	1947
The East India Company is formed to develop trade across India.	Jamestown is established as the first North American colony.	A British trading post is established at Bombay.	The Pilgrims arrive in Massachusetts on-board the Mayflower.	The French and Indian War establishes British control of North America.	The 13 Colonies declare their independence from Britain.	The East India Company gains control of India.	Britain establishes the colony of Singapore to increase trade in the Pacific.	India becomes controlled directly by the British Government	Britain grants India independence and undertakes 'partition' creating the nations of Pakistan and Bangladesh.

	Key vocabulary
Colony	A geographical area controlled and settled by another country.
East India Company	A British organisation set up to establish trade across India that later seized control of the sub-continent.
Trade	Exchanging goods with another country either for other goods or for money.
Puritans	An extreme branch of Protestantism that existed in Europe in the 17th century.
Revolution	Rising up in an attempt to violently change your government or leader.
Persecution	Being unfairly attacked because of your beliefs or background.
Independence	Gaining the freedom to rule your own country.
Act of Parliament	A law passed by the British Parliament.
Representation	Having someone to represent your views to the government and vote on laws on your behalf.
Partition	The dividing up of British India along religious lines in 1947.



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- Diplomat
- Civil servant



The Big Picture

How and why did Britain colonise North America?

What was the impact of the British colonisation of North America?

How did Britain lose control of North America?

What was the impact of Britain's colonisation of India?

How did Britain's control of India end?

How did Britain colonise Africa?

How did the British Empire spread across the Pacific?