

Britain: migration, empires and people (2C)

This resource provides ideas and activities to help you teach the 'Britain: migration, empires and people' thematic study topic from our new GCSE History. It's intended as a guide rather than a prescriptive approach.

This thematic study topic gives students an understanding of how the identity of the British people has been shaped by their interaction with the wider world. It considers invasions and conquests and the country's relationship with Europe and the wider world. It will also consider the ebb and flow of peoples in and out of Britain. It will evaluate their motives and achievements, along with the causes, impact and legacy of Empire upon the ruled and the ruling, in the context of Britain's acquisition and retreat from Empire.

Students will study the importance of the following factors in influencing Britain's dealings with the wider world: war, religion, government, the role of individuals and science and technology.

### Assumed coverage

This teaching and learning plan is intended for 30 one-hour classroom lessons. It doesn't include homework learning time, but covers three revision and assessment lessons.

#### Assessment

Assessment points in the learning activity column indicate possible assessment opportunities. These could be short tests of about ten minutes (exam-style questions, short factual tests, source evaluation) or longer assessments (exam-style questions).

#### Resources

Research exercises assume students have access to a textbook(s) and/or the internet. You can supplement textbook(s) with other sources.

## Part one: conquered and conquerors

Lesson	Specification	Guidance	Learning activity	Resources
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1	Course overview	Students will learn all the main features of the course in a single lesson overview. The aim of this lesson should be to compose a visual display of all the important features of the rest of the course. This activity allows students to look through the textbook and research the whole course, to engage their interest.  The complete timeline serves as a reference point and revision aid as the course progresses. It will attract the interest of future students as well.	Consider the meaning of the terms 'migration' and 'empire'.  Produce a classroom timeline.  Individual or pairs of students are given an image of a suitable size for later display, with each image depicting a key event or individual from the specification content. Students should use the textbook or internet to locate the subject of the image they have been given and write a brief (50–75 word) explanation of its importance to either migration of people and/or the development of the Empire.  Students can be involved in a summary exercise where they explain what their image is and why it's important, to the rest of the class.	About 30 images or short text contemporary sources selected from the main textbook(s) or internet.  Wall space, marked out with a timeline over 1,000 years, divided into four parts – medieval (conquered and conquerors), early modern (looking west), 19 <sup>th</sup> century (expansion and empire) and modern (Britain in the 20 <sup>th</sup> century).  Some extra, possibly more complex, sources are needed, depending on the mix of abilities in the class and the speed with which they work. It is good to have some images that are not from the textbook that require internet research.

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2	Invasion:  • Vikings and	The focus for the lesson should be on the	Enquiry question: why did the Vikings invade Britain in the 9 <sup>th</sup> century?	Google 'artist's impression of invasion of Lindisfarne'
	<ul><li>Anglo-Saxons</li><li>reasons for Viking invasion</li></ul>	reasons for the Viking invasion. Students will need to know who the Vikings were.	Show an artist's impression of the Viking raid on Lindisfarne in 793, with most of the picture covered up. Slowly reveal the image, asking	Textbook(s) Web links:
	iiivasioii	Vikings were.	students to infer the following from the image:  what's happening here?	Loot: Why the Vikings Came to Britain
		It's useful for the teacher to bear in mind	<ul><li>who is being depicted?</li><li>when did this event take place?</li></ul>	The Anglo-Saxons
		that after three lessons the students will be focusing on the impact of the Vikings, so in the class discussion,	Explain that the attackers are Vikings and the people being attacked are Anglo-Saxons. Students will gain an understanding of the initial methods of the Vikings.	Making peace: Scandinavian migrants and King Alfred's 'fyrd'
		observations and questions may be directed at this later.	Split the class in two. Half will research Anglo-Saxons, half will research Vikings. They will fill in a fact-file based on the following:	
			<ul><li>where did they come from?</li><li>what were their key beliefs?</li><li>strengths</li></ul>	
			<ul><li>weaknesses</li><li>one interesting fact.</li></ul>	
			Class discussion: why did the Vikings invade Britain? Why was Britain a tempting target for the Vikings to invade in the 8 <sup>th</sup> century?	
			Arrange students in pairs: one makes notes on Vikings, one makes notes on Anglo-Saxons.  One will teach the other about the society that	
			they have researched and vice versa. Bullet point reasons that answer the question 'why did the Vikings invade Britain in the 9 <sup>th</sup>	
			century?' (eg competition for scant resources, population growth, seeks portable wealth, tribute, ransom, land, producing a pattern of trade and raid).	

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3	Invasion:     creation of the Danelaw     Alfred and Wessex.	This is a good opportunity to consider the significance of King Alfred and the extent to which he was significant in the development of English identity. Events during his reign eg Danelaw and his successors contribute to an understanding of the impact of the Vikings.	Enquiry question: was Alfred Great?  Recap: show students a portrait of Alfred the Great. Students study the portrait closely and discuss:  • who is this?  • what was his job?  • is this a positive or negative depiction?  • when was he alive?  • when was it drawn?  Textbook research and answer questions around Viking settlement in Britain, Danelaw, Alfred's actions and his achievements.  Class discussion about the 'greatness' of King Alfred.	Google 'portrait of Alfred the Great' by John Faber Sr (1712).  Textbook

	Invasion:	It's important for	Enquiry question: what impact did the Viking	Textbook
4		students to understand	invasions have upon Britain?	5 16 11 11
	King Cnut, Emma	that during the reign of		Royal family tree/diagram sheet
	of Normandy and	Cnut, England was a	In the first part of this lesson, students piece	Ties alie a
	the North Sea	part of a greater	together and relate evidence on cards to	Timeline
	Empire.	empire.	compose an answer to the puzzle/question, 'how did Cnut gain a North Sea Empire?' In	24-card sort 'jigsaw of evidence',
		In studying the impact	this they are guided by a family tree/diagram	extracts relating to Emma of
		of the Vikings on	sheet/timeline.	Normandy, Aethelred, Maldon and St
		Britain, students are	Sileevuilleille.	Brice's Day
		bound to mention	Reflecting on Cnut's reign and the broader	2.1.55 5 24,
		aspects such as the	knowledge and understanding gained from the	Weblink:
		death and destruction,	previous two lessons, students tackle the main	Viking invaders and settlers
		language, trade,	enquiry question about the impact of the Viking	
		settlement, urban	invasions upon Britain.	
		development, political		
		change, Viking	Students should plan and write a short essay	
		settlement and industry	in order to answer the question. Paragraph one	
		(pottery, metals) and	will be about the physical effects of Viking raids	
		religion as well as the	and settlement. Paragraph two will be about	
		impact on the English identity and defence.	their cultural impacts.	
		The process of		
		aggression, settlement,		
		adaptation, and		
		integration is implied in		
		the structure of the		
		essay.		

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5	A Norman kingdom and 'Angevin' Empire:  • relationship between England and France  • Henry II.	Students will need a brief explanation about how, after the Norman conquest, Henry II came to power and will build upon work that should have been done at Key Stage 3.  Focus on: (i) how the Empire came into being – through inheritance and conquest (ii) relations with France.	Enquiry question will be, 'why was there an Angevin Empire?'  Students complete a worksheet to establish the reasons for Henry II's 'empire' and the reasons he was able to maintain it.  Students should discuss the concept of 'empire' at this time. How has their understanding of empire changed since the first lesson? Is 'empire' a useful construct?	Textbook  Worksheet  Map of Angevin Empire under Henry II

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6	A Norman kingdom and 'Angevin' Empire:  • invasion of Ireland  • losses under King John.	The main focus of this lesson should be about the reasons – short and long term (eg murder of Arthur or Henry II's decision to divide his possessions) – for the loss of Empire under King John.	The enquiry question here is, 'why did the Angevin empire collapse?'  Students complete a spray diagram that focuses on the enquiry question. This should consider the interaction and influence of family, the nobility and government, France and Ireland in bringing about the collapse of the Angevin Empire.  Discussion: what were the similarities and differences between the Empire of Cnut and the Angevin Empire?	Textbook  Large A3 diagram sheet  Web links: Background to King John: Bad King John, the King of England (part 1)  Bad King John, the King of England (part 2)  Further background to King John's reign: How was Henry II able to hold the Angevin territories, and King John not? Dr. Emma Cavell

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7 and 8	The birth of English identity: the	It can be helpful to view or review a	Students will analyse a student sample answer about the causes of the war to construct a	Textbook
	Hundred Years War and its impact on England's	series of maps showing how the Angevin empire	diagram to identify and explain the causes of the Hundred Years war. Factors will be identified as political and economic.	Internet research Timeline
	further development.	changed over time: from Henry II's time, King John's time (1214), the beginning	Enquiry question: how successful were the English in the Hundred Years War?	Map sequence across time Sample answer
		of the Hundred Years War (1360) and end of the Hundred Years War (1453).	In pairs, students will complete: (i) a fact file from their research about a battle of their choice from either the battle of Agincourt, Crecy, or Poitiers (ii) a timeline of key events from their research.	Web links: Account of Agincourt:  10 Henry V Battle of Agincourt 1 (1415 AD)
		The 13 <sup>th</sup> century may be seen as a time in which an English identity emerged. Students need to understand why England and France were at war and the results of the conflict. Students will realise that there were various phases to the	Students use the textbook to explain the short term and long term impacts of the Hundred Years War. Students can then discuss and answer the enquiry question.	The Battle of Agincourt The Bloodiest Battle of the Medieval Age Full Documentary
9	Assessment	war: 1333–60, 1369– 89 and 1399–1453.	This may be an opportunity for students to consider the role of the individual as a factor in creating and maintaining medieval empires.	

Part two: looking west

Lesson	Specification content	Guidance	Learning activity	Resources
10	Colonisation in North America:	Students will need to know the reasons for the voyages of exploration and discovery in Tudor and Stuart times. It's important to understand the mixture of motivations.  There may be opportunities to consider British colonisation in America and relate this to the role of the individual which was considered in the assessment at the end of part one.	Enquiry question: was profit the only motive for the voyages of discovery?  Students will complete a biography of John Hawkins or Sir Walter Raleigh. Consideration should be given to their motives (political, economic, cultural, personal) and the consequences of their actions.  Students can debate the contribution and impact that the two men made. Which man was the greater hero? Who best represented the spirit of the age? Discussion in groups of four about the contribution and impact of each man.	World Map of voyages with dates  Textbook  Collection of contemporary sources explaining motives.  The story of black migrants in England in Tudor times

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11 and 12	Sugar and the Caribbean:  • piracy and plunder  • the development of the slave trade, including John Hawkins  • the economic and social impact of the slave trade on Britain.	The previous lesson will lead into a more detailed examination of sugar and slavery. It is important to emphasise the role of Spanish and English piracy. Plantations proved to be more profitable than piracy. It is important to understand how the slave trade worked and its economic and cultural impact.	Enquiry question: what were the results of the slave trade?  In pairs, students will choose six pictures from a larger collection of images about the slave trade.  They should use the images, internet resources and their textbooks to create a narrative PowerPoint to illustrate the development of the slave trade and its consequences.	Textbook  Map of slave triangular trade  Illustrations of slave trade  Carefully selected video extracts  Web links:  Black people in Britain during the Atlantic slave trade era  Slavery and the African diaspora:  legacies of British slave-ownership

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13 and 14	Colonisation in North America:  Jamestown  contact and relations with indigenous peoples  the Pilgrim Fathers  indentured servants  the war of independence; loss of American colonies.	The main focus for the first lesson should be on the impact of the colonists on the indigenous peoples.  In the second lesson, focus on the reasons for the war of independence and the consequences for both Britain and America.	Enquiry question: 'was the colonisation of North America by the British a success or a failure?'  It can be useful to focus on a particular episode or event to use as a case study. The Mayflower and the colony set up by the Pilgrim fathers is a good example.  Students may produce a spider diagram to show all of the results of the interaction between the colonists and Native Americans.  The consequences/impact of losing the colonies can be investigated using a diamond nine/triangle nine template for students to prioritise, according to success or failure, the colonisation of North America by the British.	The story of British indentured workers emigrating to America

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15	Migrants to and from Britain:  Huguenot migrants Highland migrants Ulster planters.	Students can be given a different topic to research and then brought together to compare motivations and results.  Students need to understand who the group were and why they migrated. The consequences should be outlined eg the Highland migrants led to the Scottish diaspora, and death.	Enquiry question: to what extent did ideas and beliefs cause the movement of people in the 17 <sup>th</sup> century and 18 <sup>th</sup> century?  Each group ie Huguenot, Highland, Ulster should have a timeline. A simple worksheet needs to be completed which focuses on motives, events and consequences.  Students engage in a market place activity to exchange information about migrations they have studied.  Students will evaluate a source for utility based upon their understanding of the selected event.	Textbook(s) Internet research Three question worksheets (each sheet has a different usefulness visual source)
16	Assessment		This may be an opportunity for students to consider the similarities between different migrant groups. For example, the Huguenots and the Pilgrim fathers.	

# Part three: expansion and empire

Lesson number	Specification content	Guidance	Learning activity	Resources
		It's important to establish the early motives for expansion in India ie rivalry with the Dutch and the search for profit.  British involvement in India can be examined through the work of the East India company, Robert Clive and Warren Hastings. Each of these can be evaluated for their contribution.	Key enquiry question: "how did India come to be the 'jewel in the crown' of the British Empire?"  Internet research exercise: students fill in a chart about how Britain gained and controlled India (focusing on military, economic, political, cultural power and the role of individuals such as Robert Clive and Warren Hastings).  Students debate which was more important in the light of the enquiry question: Robert Clive, Warren Hastings or the East India Company.	Textbook  Map of India  Timeline  Structured work sheet for essay preparation  Web links  The British Empire and India  How did the British gain control of India?  How British migrants made fortunes working for the East India Company  India before the Europeans  India and the British  Great Salopians  The East India Company  Image: Shah 'Alam conveying the grant of the Diwani to Lord Clive  Background: Diwani Rights

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18 and 19	Expansion in India:  Indian Rebellion  the social, political and cultural impact of empire on Britain and India.	This first lesson is an opportunity to consider significance.  In the second lesson, students need to consider a number of outcomes. The impact of Empire on Britain and India, mentioning trade and industry, a clash of cultures, social, political, cultural and economic impact in Britain and India.	Students research and answer questions on the causes of the Indian Rebellion of 1857.  Students will compare different accounts of the Indian rebellion and comment on the language and the significance of the event in each account.  Enquiry question: why was India important to the British empire?  Student pairs work with a collection of images to create a poster that illustrates and details the various consequences of British involvement in India.	Textbook Timeline Interpretations of the Indian Rebellion 1857 Blank chart sheet Collection of images Adaptation to Empire Rulers and ruled in the British Empire History - Empire

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20 and 21	<ul> <li>Expansion in Africa:</li> <li>causes and impact of British involvement</li> <li>trade and missionary activity</li> <li>South Africa</li> <li>Egypt</li> <li>the Scramble for Africa</li> <li>Cecil Rhodes.</li> </ul>	The motives for the scramble for Africa are the subject of this lesson. Students should understand the economic, political, strategic and religious motives involved.	Enquiry question: 'why did the British Scramble for Africa in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century?'  Students read sources provided and construct a diagram with examples to explain the motives for the scramble for Africa.  Students can choose to study either South Africa or Egypt as a case study of British expansion. They should produce a 10 point report that shows how either South Africa or Egypt exemplifies the motives for Britain's scramble for Africa.  Group essay, where pairs of students contribute aspects to a collective answer to the enquiry question.	Interactive map of Africa  Textbook Sources / Cartoon collection  Web links: European imperialism in Africa  Slavery and the scramble for Africa  How the Europeans divided Africa  Africa: states of independence – the scramble for Africa
22	Expansion in Africa:  the Boer War (1899-1902)  imperial propaganda.		Enquiry question: 'what did Britain learn from the Boer War?'  Students complete a simple worksheet to answer the question.  Class display: students select one example of evidence from 1850 to 1940 that illustrates the power of the imperial idea. Students write an explanation of what it suggests or demonstrates.	Textbook  Worksheet  Account of war (Part 1)  Web links:  The Boer War 1899 – 1902: Part 1 of 4  Military lessons of the Boer war

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	Migrants to, from		Enquiry question: 'to what extent was	Textbook
23	and within Britain:		19 <sup>th</sup> -century migration influenced by industry?'	
	<ul> <li>Irish migration to</li> </ul>			Table
	Britain		Students use textbook and/or internet	
	<ul> <li>Jewish migration</li> </ul>		resources to add to a table looking at each	Web links:
	to Britain		migrant group in turn under the following	
	<ul> <li>transportation</li> </ul>		headings:	Migration within the British Empire
	<ul> <li>migration to and</li> </ul>		date	(see lesson 28):
	within the		• name	
	Empire, including		motives	Scottish migration in 19th century eg
	migrations of		experiences	Carnegie to America 1848
	Asians to Africa		<ul> <li>impact on Britain and Empire.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>migration from</li> </ul>			Australia's gold rush
	rural to urban		Students will return to this table in later	
	settings.		lessons, adding evidence about later migrant	
			groups.	

Part four: Britain in the 20th century

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24 and 25	The end of empire:  • the impact of the First and Second World Wars  • the impact of Suez  • nationalism and independence in India and Africa; including the role of Gandhi, Nkrumrah and Kenyatta.	The focus is on: why did Britain lose an empire and with what effects?  The emphasis is on encouraging students to consider the interrelationship between factors which contributed to Britain's retreat from Empire.  Students should have an opportunity to examine the relative importance of key individuals, as well as the significance of events which redefined Britain's role in the world ie the Suez Crisis.	Enquiry question: why did Britain lose its Empire?  Students complete a card based on the impact of the First and Second World Wars on Britain.  Having considered a narrative of the Suez Crisis, students should look at a range of sources relating to its impact in Britain, France and across the world. Students compare the sources for their utility based on content, purpose and knowledge.  In groups, students should research the roles of the following key individuals: Gandhi, Nkrumah and Kenyatta. A simple worksheet needs to be completed which focuses on their aims, actions and impact.  Students engage in a market place activity to exchange information about these key individuals and plan a piece of extended writing which analyses similarities and differences between them.	Web links:  British occupation of India in colour  Gandhi (contains moderate violence – we recommend you preview this BBC Bitesize clip before showing your class)  Card sort  Suez Crisis sources to illustrate a range of attitudes  Worksheets  Collections of images relating to Nationalism in Africa and India

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26 and 27	<ul> <li>The legacy of empire:</li> <li>Windrush and the Caribbean migrants</li> <li>the work of Claudia Jones in the UK</li> <li>migration from Asia and Africa, including the role of Amin in Uganda.</li> </ul>	The focus is on explaining the motivations for migration and the experiences of migrants coming to Britain from the Caribbean, Asia and Africa.  Students should gain an understanding of the impact migrants had on Britain and the difficulties Britain faced when trying to deal with the legacy of Empire.  Some consideration might be given to other examples of migration previously studied, with reference to similarities and differences.	Enquiry question: what were the motives for migration and what impact did migrants have on Britain?  Students investigate 'Windrush' in the 1950s and the different experiences of Caribbean migrants on arrival. Students should return to the table started during lesson 23 and include information about Black immigrants from the Caribbean.  Having studied the life and work of Claudia Jones, students write her profile from the perspective of the West Indian community in 2014.  Students should study texts and write a fact file about the motives behind and consequences of the dictatorship of Idi Amin in Uganda.  Students research Asian and African migration in the 1970s and 1980s; add the information to the migration table started in lesson 23.  Peer assessment of a piece of extended writing, analysing the impact of migration on Britain after the loss of the empire.	Internet searches:

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	The legacy of empire:	The focus is on	Enquiry question: what difficulties did Britain	Web links:
28 and	• the	explaining Britain's	face in seeking a new role and position in the	DI 111 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
29	Commonwealth	changing role in the	world?	Black labour in transport in 1950s
	<ul> <li>the Falklands War.</li> </ul>	world during the 20 <sup>th</sup>	Otrodanta abandal annaturat a fant fila aband tha	<u>Britain</u>
	Defect of a control of a control	century, how it dealt	Students should construct a fact file about the	Francisco di constructione in 1000
	Britain's relationship	with the legacy of empire and looked	foundation of the Commonwealth, making reference to its strengths, the problems it has	Everyday discrimination in 1960s Britain:
	with Europe and its impact:	forward to a new	encountered and attitudes towards it.	bittain.
	the impact of the	position and identity	encountered and attitudes towards it.	Uganda Asians in Britain
	Second World War	within the	Students prepare a timeline to narrate the key	Ogarida / Islans in Britain
	economic, social	international	events of the Falklands War and apply what	White attitudes to immigration 1960s:
	and cultural	community.	they know to a group of sources which explore	
	interaction	ĺ	the importance of the war in redefining Britain's	Brief History of the Falklands War
	the end of the	The emphasis is on	relationship and role with the wider world.	
	Cold War and	encouraging		Research and internet searches:
	membership of the	students to consider	Card Sort: students categorise the reasons for	<ul> <li>the Commonwealth</li> </ul>
	European Union	the interrelationship	and against Britain's membership of the	<ul> <li>the Falklands War.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>European and</li> </ul>	between the causal	European Union. Amongst other factors they	
	non-European	factors set out in the	should also consider the impact of the Second	A range of sources relating to the
	migration.	specification.	World War, the end of the Cold War, and the	Falklands War and its impact.
		In avalaining the	impact of European migration.	Danas of a company related to the
		In explaining the significance of key	Complete the migration table about recent EU	Range of sources related to the
		events in the	migrants to Britain started previously (in lesson	experiences of EU migrants.
		development of	23 and continued subsequently).	Card sort.
		Britain's role in the	25 and continued subsequently).	Card Soft.
		world, thought might	Plan an essay based on one hypothesis to	
		be given to other	explain the effects the loss of an empire had	
		examples previously	on Britain.	
		studied on this		
		course.		

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30	Assessment		Students complete a similarities question, comparing two episodes relating to migration studied during the course. This might include the motives for, or the impact of, migration.  Students attempt a 'factors' question which draws on explanations of why Britain lost its Empire.	