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What should I already know?

- I know how England has developed through William the Conqueror and Tudor dynasties.
- I am aware that Great Britain developed with the unification of Wales and Scotland with England.
- I know that the British had colonised the East Coast of U.S.A under Elizabeth I and James I reign.

British Empire: Big questions

The sun never set on the British Empire This lesson is our opportunity to report on the scale of the British Empire and compare it with other Empires such as the Mongolian.	What caused the Empire to grow? - mini assessment Our first attempt at a question using the themes: exploration, trade or war.	India - the Jewel in the Crown This enquiry explores the positives and negatives of British Rule in India, with a focus on trade and war.
What was Triangular Trade? We will explore the most controversial decision made by the British, the benefits and problems associated with it and the long lasting legacy.	The Scramble for Africa We will explore what caused the Scramble for Africa, but also how it was a hidden trigger for WW1.	What caused the Empire to grow? - final assessment We will revisit the previously answered question but focussing on the theme of our own choosing.

The British Empire, 1920



Triangular Trade map



Scramble for Africa



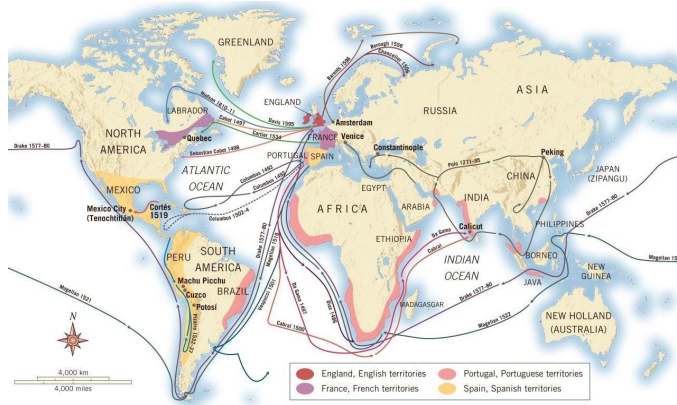


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European explorers map



Media and reading list

- Long Journey Home* by Julius Lester – Stories of black people whose lives were transformed by slavery
- BBC: A taste of power (Youtube)
- World History DK Eyewitness
- GREAT EMPIRES: THE BRITISH EMPIRE by Ellis Roxburgh

East India Company logo



Vocabulary

Empire	An extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch or government.
Colony	A country or area under the full or partial political control of another country and occupied by settlers from that country.
Colonisation	The action or process of settling among and establishing control over the indigenous people of an area.
Treaty	A formal agreement between states.
Plantation	An estate on which crops such as coffee, sugar, and tobacco are grown.
Independence	The complete freedom of influence from outside people or parties.
Territory	A geographical area belonging to or under the rule of a governmental authority.
Nawab	An official acting as a provincial deputy ruler under the Mughal empire; a local governor.
Auction	An auction is the process of buying and selling goods by offering them up for bid.
Zulu	A tribe living in South Africa who were opposed to British rule.
Conflict	A struggle or clash between opposing forces.
Mutiny	A rebellion against authority.