



Foxford Learning Plan

YEAR 8

Topic: The British Empire

Summer 1

Key Vocabulary

Circumnavigation	To go completely around the earth
Colony(ies)	Lands under the control or influence of another country, and occupied by settlers from that controlling country
Divide and rule policy	You use divide and rule to refer to a policy which is intended to keep someone in a position of power by causing disagreements between people who might otherwise unite against them
Empire	An empire is land in nearby or faraway countries that is controlled by one monarch or emperor/empress in a ruling country
Expand	When something expands it gets larger.
Export	Raw materials, goods or produce made in a country that are sold to other nations
Exploitation	Treating someone unfairly to make a profit from them
Exploration	to travel for the purpose of discovery
Imperialism	The practice of a larger country or government growing stronger by taking over poorer or weaker countries that have important resources
Import	Raw materials, goods or produce made in a foreign country that are brought into the country
Independent	When a person or country is free from outside control; not subject to another's authority
Infrastructure	Infrastructure is the term used to describe the facilities which support modern human life. These include sewage systems, communication networks and transportation
Missionaries	Person sent to a place to spread a religious faith
Sepoy	An Indian soldier who served under the command of the British Army

Key Skills

Over the course of the topic, I will be able

Know what an empire is and how different empires have expanded over time

Know, understand and categorise the reasons why the British Empire expanded

Understand the impact of the British Empire on different countries and colonies including in North America and India

Evaluate the significance of the British Empire and its impact

Compare interpretations of the British Empire and judge which interpretation is most representative of the impact of the British Empire



Why was the British Empire so significant?

I will Understand

1. What the British Empire was
2. How and why the British Empire expanded over time
3. Why the American Revolution happened
4. How the loss of the American colonies led to the mass expansion of the British Empire
5. The effects of British rule in India
6. What was the significance of the British Empire
7. How the British Empire has been interpreted in different ways