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YEAR 12 History
Paper 1C: Britain, 1625–1701: conflict, revolution and settlement

Over the course of the topic, I will be able to: -

Theme 4: Economy, trade and empire, 1625–88

Key Vocabulary	
Mercantilism	Economic theory: maximise exports and minimise imports to build national wealth.
Navigation Acts	Laws requiring goods to be carried in English ships.
Enclosure	Fencing off common land for private agricultural use.
Triangular trade	Atlantic trade network linking Britain, West Africa, and the Americas.
East India Company	English trading company operating in Asia from 1600.
New draperies	Lighter woollen cloths developed partly by Protestant refugees.
Capital investment	Money invested in agriculture or trade to generate profit.
Anglo-Dutch Wars	Three conflicts 1652–74 over commercial and colonial rivalry.
Jamaica	English colony captured 1655; significant for sugar and Atlantic trade.
Banking	Institutions providing credit, loans, and financial services.
Mercantile class	Wealthy merchants involved in domestic and overseas trade.
Specialised farming	Commercial focus on specific crops or livestock for market sale.

Key Skills	
	Analyse and explain the extent and nature of political, economic, religious and social change across the period.
	Explain how instability and conflict shaped the development of Britain's constitutional settlement.
	Analyse and evaluate contemporary source material related to the key themes.
	Retrieve knowledge to construct verbal and written arguments related to the key topics.
	Compose effective responses to essay questions.

I will understand

Topic 1. Agriculture, 1625–88 - Changes in agricultural techniques; the development of specialised farming and growth of agricultural employment; capital investment in agriculture; the development of national markets.

Topic 2. Changing domestic trade patterns - The changing cloth trade including 'new draperies'; the growth of London and its impact on national economic development; the growth of banking and insurance.

Topic 3. The impact of imperial expansion - The significance of North America and Jamaica; the Navigation Acts and mercantilism; Anglo-Dutch commercial rivalry; the East India Company; British control of the triangular trade.