

What led to the rise and fall of The British Empire?

Key Vocabulary:

Floatilla

Group of ships.

Colony

A country or area under the full or partial political control of another country and occupied by settlers from that country.

Indigenous People

The people who originate in a particular area, rather than those who migrated there.

Privateering

Pirate activity made legal by having permission from the king or queen.

Stereotype

An oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing.

Pilgrim

A person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons.

Resistance

The act of fighting against something that is attacking you, or refusing to accept something.

Independence

Freedom from being governed or ruled by another country.

Key People

Henry VII - King of England

John Cabot - Explorer who first discovered Newfoundland in 1497.

Christopher Columbus - Explorer who first discovered South America in 1492.

Elizabeth I - Daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boelyn. Reined from 1558 - 1603. Elizabeth's reign saw many brave voyages of discovery, including those of Francis Drake, Walter Raleigh and Humphrey Gilbert, particularly to the Americas. These expeditions prepared England for an age of colonisation and trade expansion, which Elizabeth herself recognised by establishing the East India Company in at the very end of 1599.

Sir Walter Raleigh - Explorer who was sent to colonise North America by Queen Elizabeth I

John White - Leader of The British Empire's first colony on Roanoke Island.

Virginia Dare - The granddaughter of John White seen as a symbol of new life and hope for the colonies of the Americas.

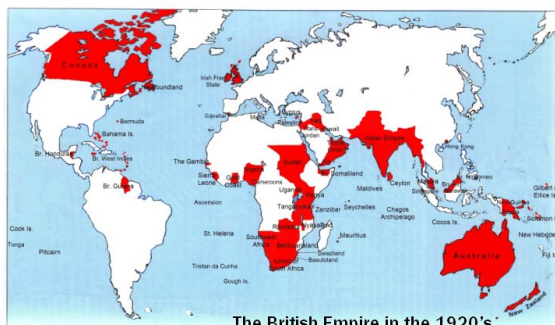
Chief Powhatan - Also known as Wahunsenaca, leader of the Powhatan people - who were indigenous in Jamestown.

Pocahontas - Chief Powhatan's youngest daughter. Her real name is thought to be Amonute. When she travelled to England she was baptised Rebecca.

Captain John Smith - Leader of Jamestown, Virginia; the first successful British colony in North America.

Queen Victoria - Victoria was queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (1837–1901) and empress of India (1876–1901). Her reign was one of the longest in British history, and the Victorian Age was named for her.

Mahatma Gandhi - Indian revolutionist who lived from 1869 - 1948. Led a successful campaign to free India from British rule and gain independence.



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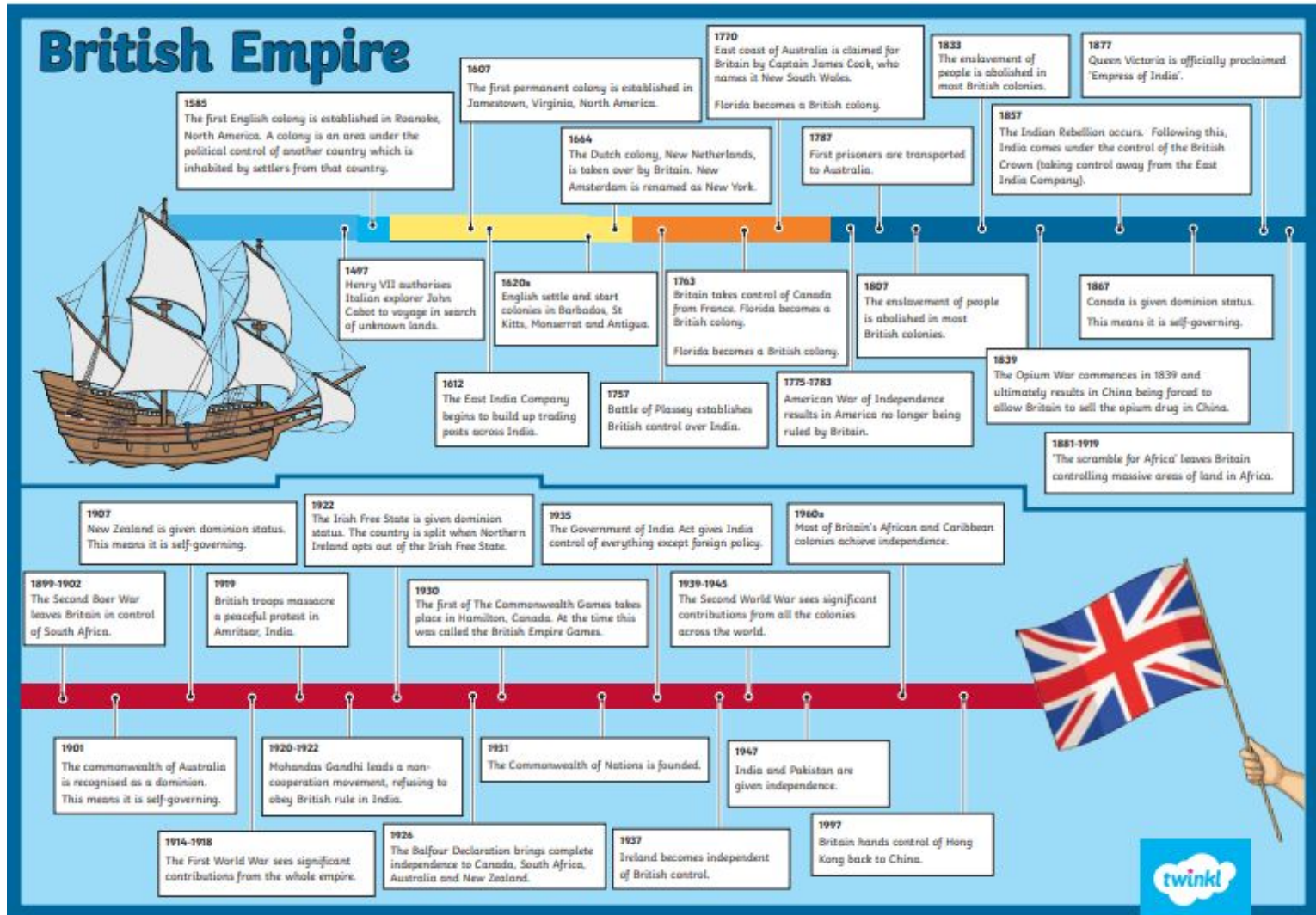
North America

Henry VII commissioned John Cabot's expedition to find a new trade route to Asia via The West. Cabot inadvertently discovered North America.

In 1585, Elizabeth I chartered Sir Walter Raleigh to colonise Roanoke Island in Virginia, North America. The colony disappeared and remains a mystery today. In 1607, James I sent Captain John Smith to colonise Virginia - Jamestown was created - the first successful British Colony. In the 17th century a group of Puritans sailed to America on The Mayflower and settled in New Plymouth.

India

Elizabeth I established the East India Company to control trade links with India.



Invasion

British invasion and colonisation of many parts of the world (24% land mass) specific learning about North America and India.

Trade

Fish in Newfoundland - Britain no longer need to trade with Iceland.
 East India Company
 Other trade routes.
 British and Dutch Empires traded islands.
 Gandhi salt tax rebellion.

Power

Growth of the British Empire - reign of power across the world.
 British colonising North America and taking control of India.

Legacy

Multicultural Britain.
 English as a widely spoken language.
 Multicultural food and drink in Britain.

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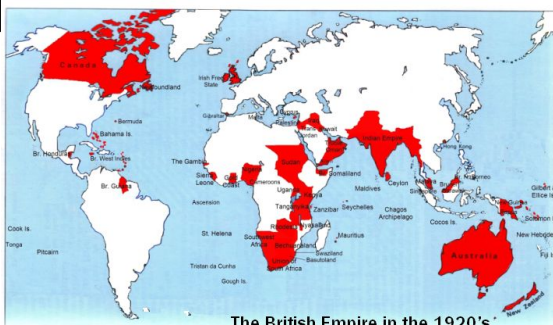
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