

Year 8 Slavery and The Empire

Rationale: The unit will help you to understand the British Empire in relation to the rule in India. The unit will also look at the slave trade and how the feeling towards slaves changed through history, resulting in the abolition. There will be a focus on the causes of these events and the consequences of them.

Key people		Key vocabulary	
1. James Duke of York	He ran the Royal African Company and was the brother to Charles II. He later became King James II.	13. Empire	A collection of areas of land that are ruled over and controlled by one leading country.
2. Edward Colston	He was a rich slave trader. When he died, he left most of his wealth to charity.	14. Imperialism	When a country follows a policy of trying to build an empire.
3. Olaudah Equiano	He was a former slave, who toured raising awareness of the slave trade and meeting with MPs.	15. Mother country	The country that rules an empire.
4. Queen Victoria	Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland between 20 th June 1837 to 22 January 1901.	16. Colony	A country that is controlled by another leading country.
Key events		17. Sepoy	An Indian soldier serving British authorities
5. 1562	John Hawkins was the first English slave trader. He captured 300 slaves from Sierra Leone.	18. Mutiny	A rebellion against authority usually by soldiers or sailors.
6. 1672	The Royal African Company was set up to trade enslaved Africans to the West Indies' sugar plantations.	19. Independence	When a country rules itself.
7. 1756-1763	Seven Years War was a war between Britain and France, in which Britain gained parts of America and India.	20. Slave trade	The buying and selling of slaves.
8. 1791 Saint-Domingue Rebellion	Slaves took control of the French Caribbean island. The slaves fought off the British and French troops. The island was renamed by the slaves, Haiti in 1804.	21. Slave	A person who is the property of another and is forced to obey them.
9. 1807	The slave trade was abolished in the British Empire. Slavery was not abolished until 1833.	22. Slave trade triangle	The journey undertaken by slave traders. It had three different stages.
10. 1857	'First War of Independence' or the 'Great Rebellion' was when India rose up against Britain because of the equipment the soldiers were given.	23. Tribes	A group of people who live and work together.
11. 1858	The Indian Office was created by the British government.	24. Culture	The way of life of a group of people.
12. 1876	Queen Victoria was declared 'Empress of India'.	25. Capture	When someone is taken by force by another.
		26. Middle Passage	The journey by ship from Africa to the Americas.
		27. Branded	When a mark is burned into the skin using a hot metal instrument.
		28. Auction	A public sale in which goods are sold to the highest bidder.
		29. Plantation	A large farm where slaves were used to grow things like cotton and tobacco.
		30. Resistance	To push back or rebel against a person or authority who is controlling you.
		31. Protest	An action showing you are against something that is happening.
		32. Anti-slavery	The idea that slavery was wrong.
		33. Abolition	To get rid of a system or institution.
		34. Abolitionist	A person who is anti-slavery and campaigns to end it.