

Vocabulary	Meaning
Empire	A group of states or countries ruled by a single monarch or sovereign state
Slavery	Forcing someone to do work for you for no pay
Settlers	People who go to another land to create towns and live there
Colonialism	Gaining control of another country (often through force)
Scurvy	A disease caused by a lack of Vitamin C
Impressment	Forcing people to be in the Navy
Plantation	A large-scale estate meant for farming
Industrialise	Develop industries in a country or region on a wide scale
Colonies	The towns and settlements that settlers build
Civilisation	A society and culture of a particular area and how advanced they are
Governor	An official appointed to watch over somewhere
Garrison	A group of troops stationed in a fortress or town to defend it
Calcutta	Kolkata (formerly Calcutta), city and capital of West Bengal state and former capital (1772-1911) of British India
Native Americans	A member of one of the groups of people who were living in North and South America before Europeans arrived
Allies	A state formally cooperating with another for a military or other purpose
Economy	A system of trading things and as a result, making money

Key knowledge – Colonisation and trade



- Britain invaded and colonised many countries around the world (America, West Indies, Africa, India)
- The colonies improved the economy since they produced raw materials that **could** be traded
- As Britain colonized more countries, it became easier to export goods that could be bought more cheaply. They brought back materials such as cotton, tea, spices and silk.

India and The British Empire



- India was an important colony in the British Empire
- This was mainly because of TRADE (East India Company). The East India Company took control over many parts of the country
- Many were unhappy being ruled by a British Company

The Black Hole of Calcutta



- In 1757, the ruler of Bengal attacked and held a number of British prisoners overnight in a small cell in Fort William
- This became known as The Black Hole of Calcutta

The Seven Years' War



- Britain and France began fighting for colonies and trades in North America. This became known as The Seven Years' War
- The British acquired more land and became a "superpower"
- The French lost almost all land in North America