

Year 8 History | Term 2

Key Question: Why did the British Empire decline?

Topic Overview: In this unit, students will explore the British Empire as part of their study of ideas, political power, industry and empire: Britain, 1745-present. They will learn about the causes for the decline of the British Empire and conduct a depth study into the effect of the British Empire on Africa. They will also learn about the legacy of the British Empire on the world.

	Lesson Exploration	Lesson Experience(s)	Knowledge & Skills	Key Words
Week 1: Lesson 1	Why did Mahatma Gandhi have such an impact on Indian decolonisation?	Students will experience key events of the life of Gandhi.	KN4: challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day	Hinduism Passive Resistance Dominion status Independence Nasser Suez Canal Cold War Decline Nkrumah Mandela Decolonisation CPP Commonwealth Divide and conquer Windrush Generation
Week 2: Lesson 1	Why did the Suez Crisis Humiliate the British Empire?	Students will experience conducting a chronological timeline of the events of the Suez Crisis.		
Week 3: Lesson 1	Why did Africa undergo the Winds of Change?	Students will experience the significance of Nelson Mandela.		
Week 4: Lesson 1	What is the legacy of the British Empire?	Students will experience the British strategy of divide and rule.		
Week 5: Lesson 1	Assessment	Assessment		

Week 6: Lesson 1	Try now	Students will experience individual Try Now activities to close the gaps identified in the Wk 5 assessment.		
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Literacy Links	Numeracy Links
Students will be required to read comprehension activities, which will enhance their reading skills.	Students will be required to make calculations about Britain's economic trade.