CBS Knowledge Organiser

Year: 6

Topic: Empire

What I already know:

- The roots of modern England in the Anglo Saxon kingdoms;
- England fought many wars with France and Scotland in the Medieval period;
- England lost the 100 Years War to France;
- England was a feudalistic society during the medieval period.;
- England was a very religious society;

New Knowledge/Facts

- England was envious of Spanish wealth so set sail for the Americas in the 16th century;
- The first permanent settlement was at James Town in Virginia in 1607;
- England established many colonies in order to increase her power and gain money from trade;
- Native populations were treated very poorly by the colonisers;
- England colonised countries across the world – including India, Australia, Iraq, Canada and Kenya;
- Cotton, tobacco, sugar and spices were highly valuable cash crops:
- England continued her wars with France, Spain and now The Netherlands for control of lucrative international trade.

Overview of unit

- Can I identify some major events of the British Imperial period?
- Why did England want an Empire?
- What was the triangular trade?
- Why was India known as 'The Jewel in the Crown?'
- How did England benefit from empire?
- Was the Empire all bad?







Key People:

- Henry Tudor – First King of the Tudor dynasty and first to realise importance of wealth in the New World
- Captain John Smith – Leader of the first English colony on the shores of America.
- Pocahontas – Daughter of a Powhatan leader who was captured and married to an English farmer.
- William Pitt the Elder – helped transform England into an imperial power and defeat the French in the Seven Years War.
- Robert Clive – Helped to Establish British control in India.
- Queen Victoria – Most famous and long-lived monarch of the imperial era.
- Mahatma Ghandi – Famous champion of independence for India.

Key Vocab

Word	Definition
Empire	A group of countries, people or land ruled by one single country
Colony	A country that is made part of an empire and has is settled by people from the main country.
Cash Crops	Crops grown in order to sell for a lot of money rather than to eat.
Settle	To make a new home in another country
Conquer	To overcome and take over a people through military force
Military	Armed forces (Army and Navy)
Trade	Buying and selling goods and services
Native	A person who was born in a certain place i.e. The Queen is native to England.
Exotic	From a far away place
The Raj	The period of British rule in India.
Imperialism	The act of building an empire
Penal colony	A place where prisoners are sent to start a new settlement.