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YEAR 7 - History – The British Empire

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- You will learn about answers to the following questions: What was the British Empire? and Why did Britain have and develop an Empire? Once the students have a clear understanding of these important questions, they are introduced to a case study on India. At this point, the students examine the relationship between Britain and the Indian people and learn about the important East India Company. This topic culminates with the Indian Mutiny of 1857.

- Your previous studies at KS1 in primary school on the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements will support your learning in this topic as it will give you the foundation knowledge to understand the reasons behind the creation and development of the empire and understand the impact it had on its people.

- This study will also come in useful when you study Year 7 – Immigration to Britain. (the understanding that the end of Empire led to the creation of the Commonwealth/Decolonisation and increase of immigration to Britain) Year 8 – Slavery in the Americas. (Understanding of the nature of Empire and impact it had on colonisation and at times oppression of peoples) Year 8 – Victorian Period. (Further contextual knowledge as to what events happened in the period) Year 9 – American West. (The movement of peoples to the Americas via persecution and colonisation)

Key Vocabulary (T2)	Key Vocabulary (T3)	Core knowledge	Disciplinary Skills
Expansion, Influence, Conflict	Imperialism, Colony Trade	What the British Empire was and what it consisted of The reasons why Britain had and developed an Empire The reasons why India was so important to the British Empire Indian Independence	Significance Interpretation

Checkpoint:	What does this assessment look like?	Which disciplinary skills do I need to be successful?
Checkpoint 1: Explain why Britain had and developed an Empire	A 3 factor causation answer using the PEEL model	Significance Cause and effect
Checkpoint 2: 20 Question Quiz	A 20 question quiz on Quizziz/Weyground containing content on what the British	Recall and Retrieval Cause and effect Significance

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	Empire consisted of, why it developed and Britain in India	

Milestone assessment: What does your assessment look like?		
Explain why India was the 'Jewel in the Crown' of the Empire.	A 3 factor explanation answer using the PEEL model.	Significance Cause and effect

How can I achieve in this topic?

- Complete all tasks in class
- Complete on missed learning
- Complete tasks in homework booklet
- Use revision support material to prepare you for assessments
- Use excellence models, scaffolds and success criteria