

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: THE BRITISH EMPIRE

1	America	Which European country first established colonies, such as Mexico, in the Americas?	Spain		
2		What was Britain's first successful colony in North America?	Virginia		
3		What crop was successfully grown in this colony from 1617 onwards?	Tobacco		
4		What ship transported the first settlers to New England in 1620?	<i>The Mayflower</i>		
5		What were the first settlers in New England, known for their religious Puritanism, called?	Pilgrim Fathers		
6		What are Britain's colonies in America from 1732 onwards collectively called?	Thirteen colonies		
7		What was the biggest killer of Native American tribes living in North America?	European diseases		
8		Which island was England's first major sugar-producing colony?	Barbados		
9		How much more was the sugar trade worth compared to the tobacco trade in 1775?	Five times		
10		What was sugar nicknamed in the British colonies?	'White gold'		
11	India	Which imperial dynasty ruled India from the 16 th to the 19 th century?	Mughals		
12		What was a prince who ruled an Indian province on behalf of the Emperor called?	Nawab		
13		What English company formed in 1600 was granted exclusive rights to trade with India?	East India Company		
14		What was a trading post where merchants did business in foreign lands called?	Factory		
15		Which British merchant in India made his fortune selling the world's largest diamond?	Thomas Pitt		
16		What was the northeastern province of India, where the British built Calcutta?	Bengal		
17		Which British officer defeated Siraj ud-Daulah at the Battle of Plassey?	Robert Clive		
18		In what year did he win his key victory at the Battle of Plassey?	1757		
19		What treaty granted the British the right to rule over their first Indian Province?	Treaty of Allahabad		
20		How many Indians were living under British rule by 1815?	40 million		
21	Australia	Which British explorer and navigator mapped Australia's eastern coastline?	James Cook		
22		What was the name of his ship?	<i>The Endeavour</i>		
23		Which botanist studied Australia's plants and wildlife during this journey?	Joseph Banks		
24		In what year was Australia claimed as a colony for Britain?	1770		
25		What sort of colony did Australia become from 1788 onwards?	Penal colony		
26		What term was used to describe the people forced to live in Australia?	Convict		
27		How many British of these people in total were deported to work in Australia?	161,000		
28		What was Australia's most successful industry at the start of the nineteenth century?	Sheep farming		
29		What nomadic hunter-gatherer people were native to Australia and nearby islands?	Aborigines		
30		What was the percentage decrease in Australia's native population from 1788 to 1900?	90%		
31	Ruling the Waves	Which First Lord of the Admiralty introduced reforms to the Royal Navy from 1751?	George Anson		
32		What was introduced for naval officers during these reforms?	Uniform		
33		How many trees did it take to build the <i>HMS Victory</i> , launched in 1765?	6,000		
34		What global conflict saw Britain emerge as a dominant global power?	Seven Years' War		
35		What North American city did General Wolfe capture from the French in 1759?	Quebec		
36		In what year was the Treaty of Paris signed, ending Britain's conflict with France?	1763		
37		What colony at the southern tip of Spain was Britain allowed to keep after this treaty?	Gibraltar		
38		How many men did the Royal Navy contain by 1815?	150,000		
39		What groups travelled around Britain forcing men to enlist in the Army or Navy?	Press gangs		
40		What disease caused by a lack of vitamin C killed many sailors in the Royal Navy?	Scurvy		
41	Wealth and Trade	What was Britain's biggest import during the eighteenth century?	Sugar		
42		In 1790, Britain imported 14.5 million kg of what product from China?	Tea		
43		What new materials could many more people wear due to growing colonial trade?	Cotton and silk		
44		What popular item of Georgian clothing was made from Canadian beaver fur?	Tricorn hat		
45		What term is used for a society where people can afford to buy non-essential goods?	Consumer society		
46		What economic practice discourages trade with rival nations?	Mercantilism		
47		What taxes did the British government place on goods imported from foreign countries?	Customs duties		
48		What proportion of coffee that arrived in Britain was re-exported in 1770?	94%		
49		Which nation provided half the people who served in the East India Company?	Scotland		
50		Which female figure was used to symbolise Britain during the British Empire?	Britannia		
1600	East India Company granted a Royal Charter	1757	The Battle of Plassey	1770	Captain Cook claims Australia for Britain
1606	Virginia Company granted a Royal Charter	1759	Britain wins the Battle of Quebec	1788	The First Fleet of 11 convict ships reaches Australia
1627	Barbados Company granted a Royal Charter	1763	The Treaty of Paris		
1756	The beginning of the Seven Years War	1765	The Treaty of Allahabad		