

A world map with a light purple background. The territories of the British Empire are highlighted in a bright red color. These territories include Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, India, parts of Africa, Australia, and various islands in the Caribbean and the Pacific.

British Empire

LO: Understand what an Empire is and how Britain developed her Empire?

Horrible Histories

- Watch this clip from Horrible Histories
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mk14CGx0hSQ>
- Name the countries that formed part of the Empire shown on the clip

Key Words

- Colonies – an area of land ruled by another country
- Technological advances – new inventions e.g. railways, that make life easier
- Manufactured goods – products that are made in large numbers in factories

- Print off this slide and annotate what you think this painting tells you?



- Are there any questions you might ask?

British Empire - 1750 - 1900

- The Brits marched into somebody's country and said 'We're in charge.'
- Imagine: you lived in your house all your life and you like it then some soldiers march in and say 'this belongs to us now.'
- Not only that! The soldiers then made the people work for them!!

How Big was the British Empire?

- At one point it had ruled 1/3 of the world.
- Britain lost a lot of countries too
- Significant parts of the Empire included:
Canada, Caribbean, Australia, America, India,
Southern Africa.

Look at this list of the world's wealthiest countries.

1. USA
2. China
3. Japan
4. Germany
5. France
6. United Kingdom

Note that Britain is 6th.

The 1850 Rich List

Britain = Number 1



**Can you think of some
reasons why?**

Map of the British Empire

- Tasks:
- Look at the world map and decide which colony, shaded in red, would have been chosen for the following:
 1. Penal Colony – place prisoners in a far away place
 2. Trade in Silks and Spices
 3. Exploration and Adventure
 4. Farm Land
 5. Raw Materials – basic and natural materials
 6. Diamonds

The British Empire



Reasons why the British Empire grew

- Trade – to gain raw materials
- Strong military/Army – seen as a ‘great power’
- Spread of Christianity