

Knowledge organiser: Empire

An empire is a group of states, nations or countries ruled over by a single monarch, government or state.'		Chronology: what happened on these dates?		Vocabulary: define these words.	
SUMMARISE LEARNING		1600	The East India Company was founded.	Empire	A group of states or countries ruled over by one monarch or government.
		1607	Jamestown, England's first successful colony in the Americas, is founded.	Colony	An area of a country settled by, and under the control of, people from another country.
STEP 1:	The British began to establish overseas colonies in the 16th century.	1625	Barbados, England's first colony in the West Indies, is colonised.	Governor	Most British colonies had a governor who was responsible for ruling on behalf of the monarchy.
STEP 2:	The first English colonies were formed in north America - in 1585, Sir Walter Raleigh organised a small settlement at Roanoke in Virginia,	1757	Britain gains control of Bengal in the Seven Years War.	Privateer	A naval captain who has permission to attack the ships of another country.
		1783	The United States of America gained their independence from Britain.	Joint-Stock Company	A company where a group of investors pool their money together.
STEP 3:	In the 18th century, Britain fought a number of wars against France, taking over colonies established by the French	1947	India gained its independence from Britain.	Monopoly	When one company or person has the sole right to trade a particular good.
		Who or what were these people/events?		Navigation Act	A law introduced to prevent British colonists and traders from trading with other nations.
STEP 4:	By 1783, at the Treaty of Paris, Britain gained a number of new colonies in North and Central America: Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Tobago.	Walter Raleigh	Elizabethan explorer who claimed land for England in the New World.		
		The Virginia Company	A joint-stock company that financed and organised the earliest British colonies in the Americas.	Nawab	An Indian prince or ruler.
STEP 5:	1815–1914, 10 million square miles of territory and 400 million people were added to the British Empire.	The Pilgrim Fathers	British settlers who colonised New England. They were fleeing religious persecution in England.	Puppet ruler	An official ruler who has little political power because someone else controls them.
		The East India Company	A joint-stock company that became the most powerful company in the world, ruling much of India.	Mutiny	A revolt by the military.
STEP 6:	By the British Empire Exhibition of 1924 Britain was the 'Mother Country' of a worldwide empire which covered a fifth of the land in the world	Robert Clive	A general for the EIC who, by defeating the Nawab of Bengal, started British rule in India.	Annexed	Territory taken over without the owner's permission.
		Earl of Dalhousie	The EIC Governor of India whose actions (doctrine of lapse and Anglo-Sikh Wars) partly caused the Indian Rebellion.	Trade	The action of buying and selling goods and services.