Year 8 History Learning Journey

The British Empire and Transatlantic Slave Trade

Summer Term 2 & Autumn Term 1

Core knowledge	Reference number
Why did Britain want an empire?	
How did Britain extend its empire?	
What was life like in the British colonies?	
How were native people treated?	
Why did the British empire come to an end?	
Was the British Empire a force for good?	
How did the slave triangle work?	
What was the Middle Passage?	
What was life like on slave plantations?	
How effective were slave rebellions?	
Why was the slave trade abolished?	
Should Britain apologise for its role in the slave trade?	

Learning Checkpoints

LC Title	
Q. 'The British Empire has a positive legacy'. How far do you agree?	
Q. 'William Wilberforce was the main reason slavery was abolished.' How far do you agree?	

Key Vocabulary	
Imperialism	
Empire	
Economy	
Trade	
Colonialism	
Aboriginal	
Rebellion	
Convert	
Middle passage	
Plantation	
Cannibalism	
Voyage	