

Introductory pages

General questions

1. Quiz.

Useful links:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/empire/intro/overview6.htm>

<http://www.britishempire.co.uk/>

<http://www.victorianweb.org/history/empire/Empire.html>

3. Quotations

- a. Explain what the quotations below mean.
- b. Who said what? Find out who the following people are on the internet and match originator (ophavsmand) and quotation:

Nicholas Bentley (1907-1978)

Arundhati Roy (1961-)

Lord Curzon (1859-1925)

John Pilger (1939-)

Lord Palmerston (1784-1865)

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

“In the Empire we found not merely the key to glory and wealth, but the call to duty and the means of service to mankind.”	Name:
“It is the unshakeable sincerity of the Englishman’s belief in his own superiority which is at once the strength and the weakness of his race.”	Name:
“What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans, and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty and democracy?”	Name:
“The solution to domestic distress is in extension of foreign trade. We must look again to Africa, and we must look especially to India	Name:

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and China. The sun never sets on the interests of this country.”	
“Fifty years after independence, India is still struggling with the legacy of colonialism, still flinching from the ‘cultural insult’. As citizens we're still caught up in the business of ‘disproving’ the white world's definition of us.”	Name:
“There are fundamentalists, Christian fundamentalists, who appear to be in charge of the White House at the moment, but they are very different from the Christian gentlemen who ran the British Empire and believed they were doing good works around the world. These days it's about naked power.”	Name:

- c. Choose the quotation which you find the most interesting, provoking, strange or to the point. Learn it by heart and walk around the class reciting it in a persuasive manner to three other students from your class.

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Vocabulary

1. Match the words and explanations.

empire	word: the act of travelling to an unknown place to learn about it
mercantile	word: the use of somebody or something for one's own advantage or profit
exploration	word: a group of countries with a single ruler or ruling power
acquisition	word: independence or freedom
territory	word: the state of being or feeling better, higher in rank or position than something or somebody else
possession	word: relating to merchants
independence	word: the state of having, owning or controlling something
autonomy	word: any large area of land
superiority	word: the state of not being ruled by another nation
exploitation	word: something you get or take that becomes your own

2. Fill in the gaps

Noun	Adjective	Verb
		explore
	exploitative	
empire		-
		expand
colony		
	valuable	
	acquisitive	
		possess

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LEARNING CHECK

1. Vocabulary.

In groups of three: Student A reads out the noun to student B and student B, without looking at the task, has to come up with the adjective. Then student B tells student C the adjective and student C, without looking at the task, has to come up with the corresponding verb. Swap tasks.

2. Individually: give each text you have read in this section a rating of 1-5 stars. In groups: try to reach consensus. Individually: write a review of one of the texts which explains your ratings (200-300 words).