



In 1833 Slavery was abolished across the British Empire.



Britain established colonies abroad for soldiers and merchants to live in.

Many people campaigned for the abolishment of slavery across the Empire.

An empire is when a single monarch rules over multiple countries.

Year Five The Birth of the British Empire

In the early British empire, merchants exchanged goods for new exotic products.

Ports such as Liverpool, Bristol and Glasgow became very rich from these new products.



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Olandah Equiano was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery. He later brought his freedom and wrote his memoirs which influenced the abolition of slavery.



Many slaves lost their lives before reaching the Americas.

When slaves arrived in the Americas they were forced to work on plantations in horrific conditions for no money.

African people were taken, by force, from their homes and transported to the Americas on ships.



1759 was called the 'Year of Miracles'. The British Empire expanded to cover huge parts of the globe.

At it's height the British Empire covered 25% of the globe.



Glossary Abolished

- formally put a stop to

Allies - groups of people who work together against a common enemy

Colonies - an area or a country that is under control of another country

Merchant - a person or country who trades around the world

Natural resources - a material that grows naturally and can be sold for economic gain

Slave - a person who is legally the property of someone else

The victory allowed the East India Trading Company to gain control of India.



In **1759** the Battle of Plassey ensured that Britain kept control of India.

The battle was between the East India Trading Company and the people of Bengal (with their French allies).



India was considered the jewel of the British Empire.

The East India Trading Company began as merchants trading products across the Empire. However, it created it's own army and had huge influence over the empire.



In 1759, the British won major battles securing many of their colonies.



India was full of natural resources and exotic products. It was also a prime location for world wide trade.

<p>1612 The East India Company begins to build up trading posts across India.</p>	<p>1757 Battle of Plassey establishes British control over India.</p>	<p>1763 Britain takes control of Canada from France. Florida becomes a British colony.</p>	<p>1833 All slavery is abolished in most British colonies.</p>
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