

# **Knowledge Organiser: SUMMER 1**

# Year 6 British History: British Empire

Vocabulary	Meaning
empire	an extensive group of states or countries ruled by a single sovereign
colony	a country or area under the control/partial control of another country
territory	an area of land under the jurisdiction of a ruler or state
exploitation	the action of treating someone unfairly in order to benefit from their work
trade route	long-distance routes along which commercial goods are transported
settler	a person who moves to a new place/land with the intention to stay there
mutiny	an open rebellion against the authorities
Sepoy	an Indian soldier serving under British or European orders
retribution	punishment for a crime
enslave P	to cause someone to lose their freedom by making them a slave
imperialism	taking the power of a nation and claiming it as your own by gaining political and economic power
Aboriginal	inhabiting or existing in a land from the earliest times
cartridge	a casing containing a charge and a bullet or shot arms for blasting

### Key knowledge – the British Empire in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century



Marked in red, on the 19th Century map, are the colonies of the British Empire.

Britain's 'imperial century' is widely considered to be between 1815 - 1914

#### Key knowledge – the expansion of the empire to Africa



The 'Scramble for Africa' as it was known, was the British Empire's desire to conquer and imperialise the continent.

16 colonies were added to the British Empire between 1870 and 1900.

Children and adults become commodities for exploitation in a bid to secure more wealth for the British Empire. Gold and Diamond mines grew rapidly and the trade of people – young and old – continued.

Packaging for tea and coffee were used as propaganda to give the illusion that the African's were happy with their lives under Imperial Rule.

### **History Timeline**

1815 1914