

## KS3 – Year 8 – History

Term	Topic Titles	Brief Overview
<b>1</b>	Reasons for the Development of the British Empire	Students study the different reasons for the growth of the British Empire; economic reasons, European conflict and rivalry, power, and exploration, through the concepts themselves and case studies which go along with each reason.
	North American Colonies	Students study the growth of British America and Canada, how Britain ruled over and expanded these territories, and how Britain changed them. Students also look at how these territories became self-ruling.
	The Transatlantic Slave Trade	Students focus on the creation of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, how it impacted Africa, Britain, and America, and the reasons for its eventual abolition.
<b>2</b>	The Scramble for Africa	Students study the European colonisation of the African continent following the Abolition of Slavery, focusing on Britain's role and impact in regions it controlled in Africa, concluding with the independence movements across Africa after World War Two.
	British India	Students study the growth of the East India Company, and how India became the 'Jewel in the crown of the British Empire', how Britain ruled over and expanded these territories, and how Britain changed them. Students also look at how these territories became self-ruling.
	British Empire in Ireland	Students study how Ireland became a colony of the empire, and how Britain changed Ireland. Students also look at how Ireland became divided between the Republic and Northern Ireland.
	The Empire in the Pacific	Students study British Rule in Australia and New Zealand simultaneously, comparing the similarities and differences between the two regions, from initial discovery and colonisation, through to independence.
<b>3</b>	The Decline of the British Empire	Students study how attitudes towards European empires changed at the turn of the 20th century, in particular the impact of World War One and World War Two on the British Empire and how it went into decline following World War Two.
	The Legacy of the British Empire	Students focus on the regions studied throughout the year, covering the lasting legacy that the British Empire has had around the world, looking at developments in those areas following British Rule, ending with the legacy of the empire in Britain.