

British Colonialism Timeline

Echoes of Empire

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1583: First British colony in Newfoundland (Canada)

1600: Founding of the British East India Company (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh)

1607: Establishment of Jamestown, Virginia (USA)

1655: British capture of Jamaica (Jamaica)

1757: Battle of Plassey, beginning of British control in India (India)

1763: Treaty of Paris, Britain gains control over Canada (Canada)

1788: First Fleet arrives in Australia, beginning of British colonization (Australia)

1807: Abolition of the slave trade

1839: First Opium War and Acquisition of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

1858: The British Crown takes control of India from the East India Company (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh)

1877: Queen Victoria declared Empress of India (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh)

1884: Berlin Conference, partition of Africa (Various African Nations)

1914: British Empire reaches its greatest extent

1947: Independence of India and Pakistan (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh)

1957: Ghana becomes the first African colony to gain independence (Ghana)

1960: Winds of Change, decolonisation in Africa and the Caribbean (Various Nations)

1997: Handover of Hong Kong to China (Hong Kong)