**Intro the British Empire**

**What was the British Empire and how did it influence the world? Find answers to the following questions on the internet. You may find the links below useful.**

1. When was the British Empire most powerful?
2. Find a map of the British Empire and mention at least 8 countries which were part of the British Empire.
3. Explain the saying, “the sun never sets on the British Empire”.
4. How was it possible for a fairly small country like Britain to gain dominion over so many countries? (here you can look at your notes to the documentary “A Taste for Power”)
5. What was the purpose of the British Empire a) politically, b) economically and c) culturally?
6. Why did Benjamin Disraëli, the British Prime Minister from 1874 to 1881 call India "the brightest jewel in the crown"?
7. When did most of Britain’s colonies become independent?
8. Why did the British Empire decline?
9. What imprint has Britain left on the countries Britain colonized?

Do not use ChatGpt – use the following links instead:

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

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

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