

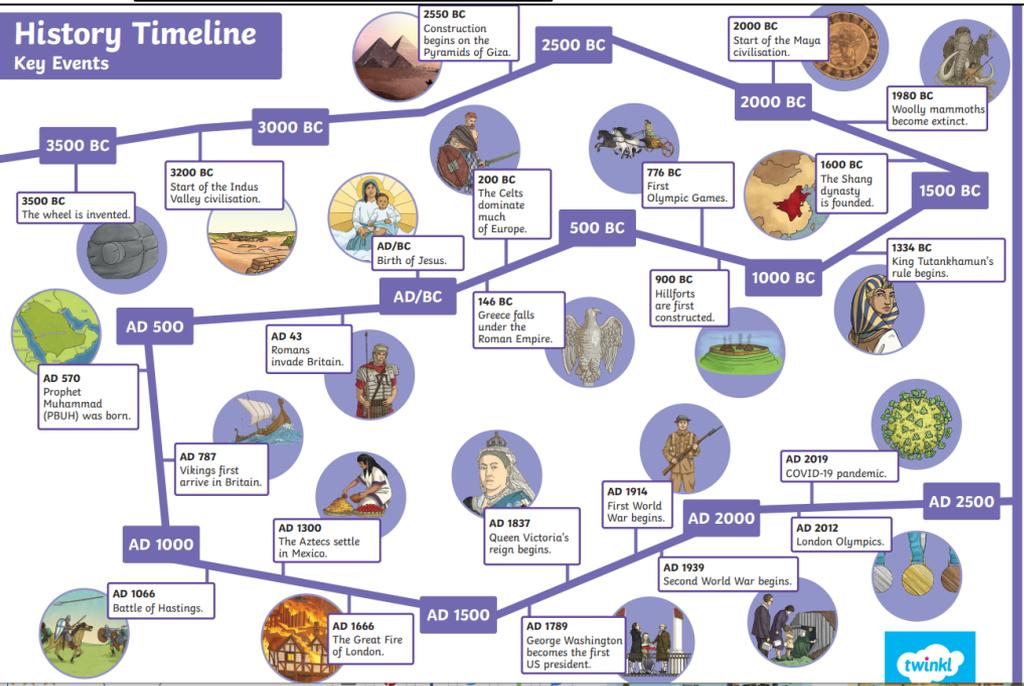
History Knowledge Organiser: The Windrush

At the end of this unit, I will be able to...

Understand what the Empire Windrush was, when it arrived in Britain and why.

Understand who the Windrush generation are.

Understand the impact the Empire Windrush has had on Britain.



Chronology – 1948 to present

15th April 1948 advertisement was placed in a newspaper announcing a 'passenger opportunity' to sail from Jamaica to the UK.

22nd June 1948 The Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks in Essex for the first time.

Present day Windrush day is on **22nd June every year** to celebrate the vibrant, diverse and multicultural modern-day society we now live in.

1948-1971 People arrived in the UK from Commonwealth countries and were named 'The Windrush Generation'. Floella Benjamin arrived in 1960.

Key Prior Knowledge

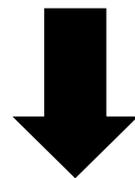
- Learning about events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally.
- Learning about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.

Key information

After WW2, Britain needed more men and women to work in industry because of a shortage of workers that died during the war. Empire Windrush brought the first large group of postwar West Indian immigrants to the United Kingdom, carrying 492 passengers from Jamaica to London in 1948. People travelled thousands of miles across the Atlantic from the Caribbean to Britain. People were told that they would find a better way of life. "The streets were paved with gold". When they arrived, many people were not given equal rights or opportunities. Many of them experienced racism and discrimination and often found it hard to get proper home to live in and to make friends with British people. Now, some of the people who arrived in the UK as children with their parents have been wrongly told that they live here illegally. In 2012 there was a change to immigration law and people were told they needed official documents to prove they could get things like free hospital treatment or benefits in this country. This led to some being sent to immigration detention centres and facing deportation.

Key vocabulary

immigrate	<i>to move into a foreign country permanently</i>
emigrate	<i>to leave your own country to live permanently in another country.</i>
discrimination	<i>unjust treatment of others because of age, gender, beliefs or race.</i>
racism	<i>showing hostility or dislike to someone due to the colour of their skin.</i>
segregation	<i>setting groups apart because of their race, gender or beliefs.</i>
colony	<i>a country controlled by another country.</i>
prejudice	<i>an unfavourable opinion or thought not based on facts or reason.</i>
mother country	<i>a country that is the origin of something. Where someone is born or their family is from.</i>



Floella Benjamin



Empire Windrush

