

BRITISH EMPIRE

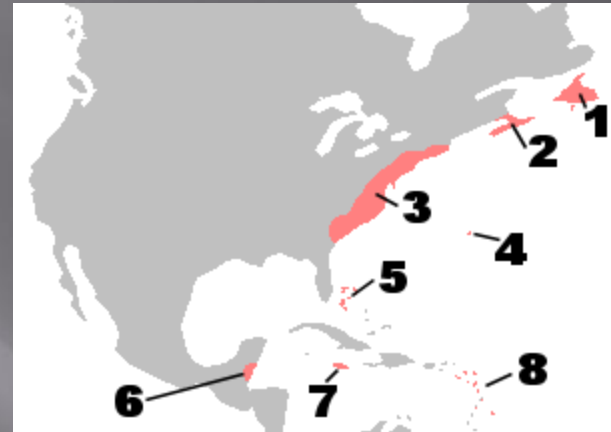
1497-1997

Beginnings of Empire

- ▣ 1578 Queen Elizabeth Grants Humphrey Gilbert a patent to discover and explore overseas territory
- ▣ Colonies in the Americas often folded with only Barbados, St.Kitts and Nevis succeeding in the Caribbean's
- ▣ Acts of Union in 1707 Unite Scotland and England Into the United Kingdom

Rise of an Empire

- ▣ American Colonies referred to as First British Empire Until American
- ▣ Struggle to Build Empire with Other European Nations
- ▣ India and Asian Colonies Established

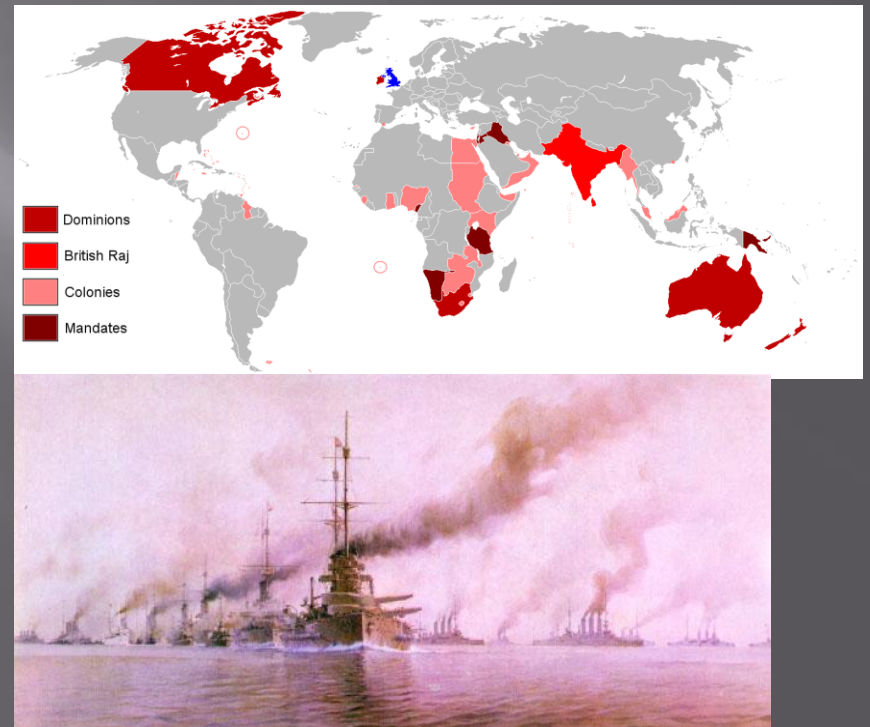


World Wars 1-2

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- ▣ Between World War 1 and until World War 2 saw the golden age of British Empire
- ▣ Treaty of Versailles gave Britain dominion over the Conquered Axis lands

EMPIRE DURING WORLD WAR 1-2



World War 2 Decline of Empire

- ▣ World War 2 saw the decline of Empire
- ▣ Britain was Expended both militarily and financially unable to maintain a presence in its colonies
- ▣ National Liberation Movements, also helped end ambitions of Empire



The Empire Today

- ▣ 1997 last British Territory handed over to china
- ▣ Bases and small enclaves of territory are a fraction of what the empire was
- ▣ The Legacy of Empire resides in its enduring culture it left to the people they ruled

