

# Knowledge Organiser:

## Key words:

Asante: West African kingdom that occupied what is now southern Ghana 1701-1900.

Benin: A West African kingdom in what is now in southwestern Nigeria from 1201-1897

British Raj: A term to describe India as a colony under British Control

Colonist: a settler in or inhabitant of a colony

Conquest: The invasion of a place that is then controlled by the invaders

Diversity: A variety, range or difference

Empire: one country increasing its power by taking over other countries

Empire Day: a celebration of the British Empire that took place every year on May 24, the date of Queen Victoria's birthday.

Interpretations: Interpretations are different explanations of what has happened based on historical evidence

Lascar Sailors: a sailor or militiaman from the India who were employed on British Ships

Mali: one of the largest empires in West African History. Founded in 1235 and lasted until the early 1600s

Massacre: Deliberate and brutal slaughter of many people.

Missionary: a person sent on a religious mission, especially one sent to promote Christianity in a foreign country.

Mutiny: an open rebellion against the proper authorities, especially by soldiers or sailors against their officers.

Natives: A person who is born in that country and whose ancestors were too

Popular History: History that is reflected in film, TV ect

Propaganda: Selecting evidence to convince people of a certain opinion on purpose

Rebellion: To rise up against authority and break the law

Religious Freedom: Being allowed to practice any religion without persecution

Scholarly history: History written by experts who have based their findings on extensive research of the sources

Scramble for Africa: European countries dividing up land in Africa to add to their Empires

Sepoy: an Indian soldier serving under the British

Songhai: great trading kingdom of West Africa 1401-1600

Tolerant: Being respectful of others even when their opinion/ beliefs differ

Trade: Exchanging goods

Untouchables: A group of people who were excluded from Indian society

## Key People:

Akbar: The third Mughal emperor, who reigned from 1556 to 1605.

Babur: the founder of the Mughal Empire. A descendant from Genghis Khan

Captain James Phillips: Oversaw relationships with Benin on behalf of the British. Pushed to meet Oba without respecting African traditions.

Captain Gallaway: Convinced Oba to sign a treaty to gain control of Benin for the British

Cecil Rhodes: who founded the colonies of Southern and Northern Rhodesia, renamed Zambia in 1964 and Zimbabwe in 1980. He is responsible for imposing laws that discriminate against many Africans in these countries.

Lodi: Lost the battle of Panipat fighting against Babur

Mansa Musa: The ninth mansa of the Mali Empire 1312– 1337. Musa is known for his wealth and gift-giving, and has sometimes been called one of the wealthiest people in history

Nur Jahan: Wife of Jahangir and Empress of the Mughal Empire 1620-27

Oba: King of Benin during the Benin Massacre

Ruby Lal: A historian who studied court records of the Mughal Empire to find out more about the powerful role Nur Jahan played.

## Timeline of key events

1526	The Battle of Panipat- The beginning of the Mughal Empire
1556	Akbar becomes the ruler of India and the Mughal Empire
1562	English naval commander John Hawkins began his involvement in the slave trade
1577	Nur Jahan Born
1600	Formation of the East India Company.
1651	The great Navigation Act is passed. All colonial exports have to be shipped on English ships to the British market, and all colonial imports have to come by way of England.
1660	The founding of the Royal African Company.
1668	English East India Company takes over Bombay.
1788	The first ships carrying convicted criminals from England arrived at Botany Bay, Australia
1857–59	Indian (Sepoy) Rebellion/ Massacre. India becomes an official colony of the British Empire
1867	Diamonds are discovered in South Africa
1884–85	Scramble for Africa. European nations meet in Berlin to divide Africa
1888	Cecil Rhodes takes control of Matabeleland
1897	Benin Massacre