

The British Empire, Then and Now

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Summary

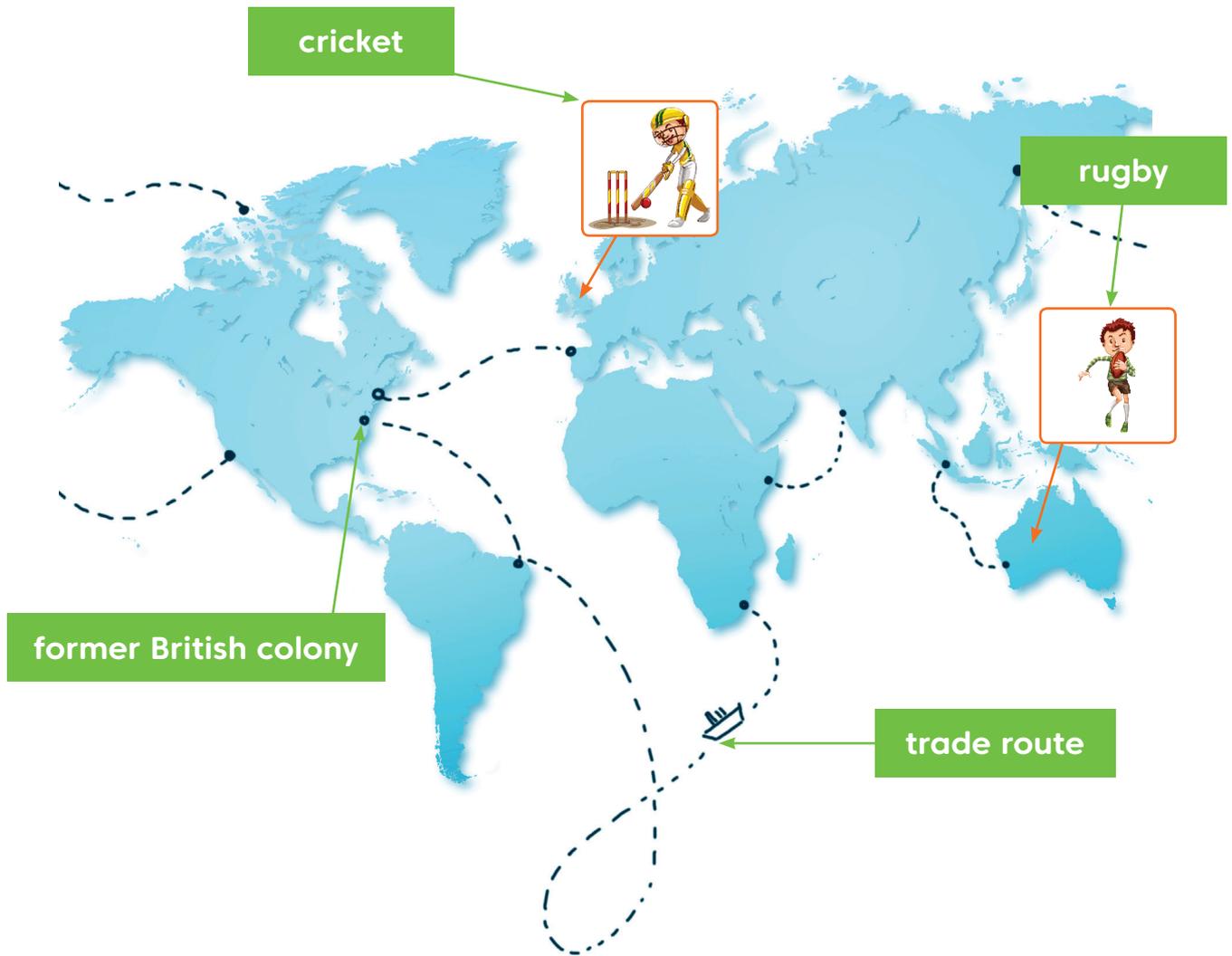
This book is about the rise and fall of the British Empire.

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Think Ahead

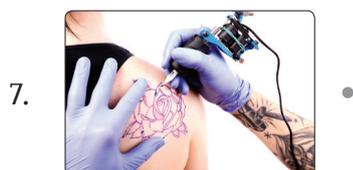
Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1. What sport uses a bat and a ball?
2. What sport has players passing a ball to each other?
3. What did the north-east part of America used to be?
4. How do goods move from place to place?

Vocabulary

A Read and match.



• a. powerful

• b. expand

• c. permanent

• d. remain

• e. load

• f. democratic

• g. capture

• h. shine

B Write the word for each definition.

colony challenge organization independent overseas

1. _____ a group that works together for the same purpose
2. _____ across the ocean; abroad
3. _____ not being controlled by someone or something else
4. _____ to disagree with someone or the ideas they have
5. _____ a place which another country controls or rules

C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. The British culture affected many other countries.
 - a. shined
 - b. influenced
 - c. colonized
 - d. argued
2. When people travel across the ocean, they can experience many different cultures.
 - a. birthplace
 - b. on land
 - c. commonwealth
 - d. overseas
3. Singapore is a past British colony.
 - a. former
 - b. better
 - c. organization
 - d. final
4. In the past, long paths for selling and buying goods were very important for economies.
 - a. influences
 - b. trade routes
 - c. commonwealths
 - d. overseas

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

- a. Nigerians celebrating independence in Africa.
- b. A British fort in Malaysia that was once under the control of the British East India Company.
- c. Spanish buildings in the Philippines built when Spain expanded its powers all over the world.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. What did Spain and Portugal bring to other countries?
 - a. The money that they used
 - b. The god they believed in
 - c. Many of the foods they produced
 - d. Their pets and animals
2. What made Britain more powerful at the beginning of the 18th century?
 - a. Going to war with the Dutch
 - b. Beginning a special union with France
 - c. Joining with Scotland to become stronger
 - d. Creating a commonwealth with Spain
3. Where was the British East India Company first set up?
 - a. In India
 - b. In Britain
 - c. In North America
 - d. In Africa

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. A famous African building and sport
- b. A sport enjoyed by Britain and its colonies
- c. Some famous buildings in London
- d. A crowd enjoying the commonwealth games
- e. A famous building in India



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ America was known as the “workshop of the world” in the 19th century.
2. _____ Britain has more influence on politics now than in the past.
3. _____ Myanmar and Sri Lanka gained their independence before India.
4. _____ The British government took control of the East India Company in the middle of the 19th century.
5. _____ The Commonwealth of Nations has more than 50 member countries.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. Because of its ships, Britain was able to _____ many countries.
expand colonize
2. As it began in many cities throughout the country, Britain was the _____ of the Industrial Revolution.
birthplace overseas
3. After Britain lost much of its power, many of its colonies became _____.
independent load
4. Nigeria and Malawi are _____ colonies of Britain.
remain former
5. The British Empire developed many _____ during its days of power.
trade routes overseas

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ Germany and North America had gained more economic power and were competing with Britain.
- b. _____ The war with Napoleon finally ended.
- c. _____ The War of Independence was fought between Great Britain and 13 of its colonies.
- d. _____ The East India Company was created to develop trade and trade routes in India.
- e. _____ The British government took control of land owned by the Easy India Company.

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
_____ gained independence from Great Britain during the 1860s.	The _____ was formed by a number of different nations who had become independent.	In _____, Scotland and Britain joined together to form a union.	Countries like France and the Netherlands sent people _____ to form new colonies.	Many British sports are played in places where Britain had _____.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.