**British Colonialism Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[What was British colonialism and imperialism? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-9/year-9-colonialism-reading/)

1. What is the difference between colonization and imperialism?
2. What was the British Empire?
3. What were the early motivations behind British colonial expansion?
4. What impact did imperialism have on economic development?
5. What was Social Darwinism, and how did it justify British imperialism?
6. What was the slave trade, and how did it benefit the British economy?
7. When was the slave trade abolished?
8. What was the Industrial Revolution, and how did it affect British society?
9. What were some of the major British colonies, and when were they established?
10. What is the American War of Independence?
11. What were the causes of the American War of Independence?
12. Who won the American War of Independence?
13. What were the criticisms of British colonialism and imperialism?
14. What were the legacies of British colonialism and imperialism?
15. Name some of the wars fought during British colonialism.
16. In which countries did indigenous peoples resist British attempts to take over their land?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your readings, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What were the* [*causes and consequences*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/causes-and-consequences/) *of British colonialism?*