

The Windrush Generation Knowledge Organizer

Key vocabulary	
British Empire	An empire is a group of countries ruled by a single monarch or political authority
British Nationality	British Nationality is the official right to belong to Britain or being a citizen of Britain
Caribbean	Chain of islands surrounding the Caribbean sea
Commonwealth	Countries part of the British community worldwide
Citizenship	Citizenship is having the legal rights of someone born in a particular country to be a member of that country, and also carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a member of that society
Colonialism	Colonialism is when a country takes control over the running of another country or group of countries
West Indies	A name given to the islands of the Greater Antilles and Lesser Antilles within the Caribbean Sea as well as those of Bermuda, The Bahamas, and Turks and Caicos Islands in the South Atlantic Ocean. The former British colonies of Guyana and Belize are also included.
Tilbury Docks	Port in London where Empire Windrush landed
emigration	Leaving your own country to settle permanently in another country
immigrant	Someone who has come to a country from another country
discrimination	Wrongly judging another person according to their race, religion, lifestyle choices, colour or gender
multiculturalism	Multiculturalism is the belief that different cultures within a society should all be given importance
Windrush Day	22 June

Key Dates	
22 June 1948	Arrival of The Empire Windrush
1948 and 1971	An estimated 500,000 people now living in the UK arrived from the Caribbean
2012	A change to immigration law which affected peoples' rights to things like free hospital treatment or benefits in this country

Key people-

Prime Minister Clement Attlee

Key Facts-

After WW2, Britain needed more men and women to work in industry because of a shortage of workers.



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.

Between 1948 and 1970, nearly half a million people left their homes in the West Indies to start a new life in the UK.

Many Caribbean men and women had served in the British armed forces because, at the time, many West Indian islands were still under British rule (empire) and not yet independent. After the war, some of these people answered an advert to come to Britain where there were lots of different jobs to do.

Other people just wanted to see Britain which they had heard much about.