










British Empire Vocabulary Terms		
Term	Definition	Image
1. Lord Protector	The head of state of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland who was to hold office for life an example of this was Oliver Cromwell.	
2. Empire	When a country spreads out and takes over or settles in other countries (e.g. the Roman Empire; the British Empire etc.)	
3. Commonwealth	A collection of countries that were previously part of the British Empire	
4. East India Company	A powerful British joint-stock company formed in 1600 to trade with the East Indies (Southeast Asia and India).	
5. Royal African Company	a joint-stock company chartered by the English crown in 1672, holding a monopoly on English trade with West Africa. Primarily known for its involvement in the transatlantic slave trade.	
6. Puritans	A member of a group of English Protestants of the late 16th and 17th centuries who regarded the Reformation of the Church under Elizabeth I as incomplete and sought to simplify and regulate the Protestant church.	
7. Indentured Servants	Someone who agrees to work for seven years, often without pay, in exchange for something like passage to a new country, training, or land.	
8. Privateer	A person or ship allowed by a government to attack and steal from ships at sea, especially in the 17th and 18th centuries.	
9. Partition	The action or state of dividing or being divided into parts a country into two or more different countries.	<p>Partition of India in August 1947</p> 
10. Boers	Members of the Dutch and Huguenot population which settled in southern Africa in the late 17th century. The Boers' present-day descendants are the Afrikaners.	