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| 1 | doc82157   | British Hong Kong. The stability, security, and predictability of British law and government enabled Hong Kong to flourish as a centre for international trade.[23] In the colony's first decade, the re |
| 0 | doc121796  | Hong Kong. On 1 July 1997, the transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong from the United Kingdom to the People's Republic of China took place, officially marking the end of Hong Kong's 156 years under Br |
| 0 | doc1579766 | Handover of Hong Kong. The United Kingdom obtained control over portions of Hong Kong's territory through three treaties with Qing China:  |
| 0 | doc1589543 | Hong Kong independence. The Undergrad again published an article in March 2016 headed "Hong Kong Youth's Declaration" argues for Hong Kong independence on expiry of the Sino-British Joint Declaration  |
| 0 | doc356228  | Transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong. In fact, as early as the mid-1970s, Hong Kong had faced additional risks raising loans for large-scale infrastructure projects such as its Mass Transit Railway  |
| 0 | doc121780  | Hong Kong. Further conflicts over the opium trade between Britain and Qing quickly escalated into the Second Opium War. Following the Anglo-French victory, the Crown Colony was expanded to include Kow |
| 0 | doc1579781 | Handover of Hong Kong. During talks with Thatcher, China planned to invade and seize Hong Kong if the negotiations set off unrest in the colony. Thatcher later said that Deng told her bluntly that Chi |
| 0 | doc787327  | Hong KongMainland China conflict. In early 2012, Kong Qingdong, a Peking University professor, publicly called Hong Kongers "old dogs" in the aftermath of a controversy over mainland visitors urinati  |
| 0 | doc2613308 | Hong Kong Special Administrative Region passport. In some cases, Hong Kong SAR passport holders are subject to visa requirements to countries whose nationals can enter Hong Kong visa-free. For exampl  |
| 0 | doc1173410 | James Hong. Hong reflected on this experience and how it may have saved his life:  |
| 0 | doc121837  | Hong Kong. Despite Hong Kong's reputation of being intensely urbanised, the territory has tried to promote a green environment,[146] and recent growing public concern has prompted the severe restricti |
| 0 | doc2039563 | Hong Kong dollar. By 1858, the British government gave up all attempts to influence the currency situation in Canada, and by the 1860s it came to the same realisation in Hong Kong: that there was no p |
| 0 | doc356256  | Transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong. In the Joint Declaration, the People's Republic of China Government stated that it had decided to resume the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong (including H |
| 0 | doc1852956 | Royal Dutch Shell. Shell has been active in Hong Kong for a century, providing Retail, LPG, Commercial Fuel, Lubricants, Bitumen, Aviation, Marine and Chemicals services and products. Shell also spons |
| 0 | doc356223  | Transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong. However, by 1997, it was impractical to separate the three territories and only return the New Territories. In addition, with the scarcity of land and natural r |
| 0 | doc1954435 | Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The trading day consists of:   |
| 0 | doc121790  | Hong Kong. Under Sir Murray MacLehose, 25th Governor of Hong Kong (1971a82), a series of reforms improved the public services, environment, housing, welfare, education and infrastructure of Hong Kon   |
| 0 | doc1895711 | Treaty of Nanking. In 1860, the colony was extended with the Kowloon peninsula and in 1898, the Second Convention of Peking further expanded the colony with the 99-year lease of the New Territories. I |
| 0 | doc1043385 | Hong Kong English. Some words and phrases widely understood in Hong Kong are rare or unheard of elsewhere. These often derive from Chinese, Anglo-Indian or Portuguese/Macanese.                         |

0	doc121761	Hong Kong. Hong Kong is one of the world's most significant financial centres, with the highest Financial Development Index score and consistently ranks as the world's most competitive and freest econ
0	doc1579836	Handover of Hong Kong. The United StatesHong Kong Policy Act or more commonly known as the Hong Kong Policy Act (P.L no. 102-383m 106 Stat. 1448) is a 1992 act enacted by the United States Congress.
0	doc918623	History of Malaysia. During occupation, ethnic tensions were raised and nationalism grew.[86] The Malaysians were thus on the whole glad to see the British back in 1945, but things could not remain as t
0	doc777944	Economic history of the United Kingdom. During the Industrial Revolution the empire became less important and less well-regarded. The British defeat in the American War of Independence (1775a1783) d
0	doc2510835	History of Penang. However, nothing transpired until 1786, when by that point the British were fighting the Thirteen American Colonies, which were backed by France and the Netherlands.[1] Faced with t
0	doc2317534	Treason. Section 2 of the Crime Ordinance provides that levying war against the HKSAR Government of the People's Republic of China, conspiring to do so, instigating a foreigner to invade Hong Kong, or
0	doc547218	Visa Waiver Program. The visa refusal rate for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has dropped to 1.7% for HKSAR passport and 2.6% for British National (Overseas) passport as of 2012.[50] Hong
0	doc2243361	ChinaPortugal relations. Portuguese pirates who raided Cantonese shipping in the early 1800s were exterminated by Cantonese forces around Ningbo.[62]
0	doc2107210	Statelessness. Stateless permanent residents of Hong Kong and Chinese migrants without right of abode may apply for a Hong Kong Document of Identity for Visa Purposes, which allows them to travel over
0	doc2451423	Education in Hong Kong. A small group of South Asian Hong Kongers marched through Central demanding more schooling in the English language on 3 June 2007.[11]
0	doc825101	Western imperialism in Asia. Early in the 19th century, serious internal weaknesses developed in the Qing dynasty that left China vulnerable to Western, Meiji period Japanese, and Russian imperialism.
0	doc61773	British Empire in World War II. By the end of the war in August 1945, British Commonwealth forces were responsible for the civil and/or military administration of a number of non-Commonwealth territor
0	doc432204	History of Europe. Further changes were set afoot with a redivision of power in Europe. William the Conqueror, a Duke of Normandy, invaded England in 1066. The Norman Conquest was a pivotal event in E
0	doc1967921	Victoria Peak. The Peak is home to a few other key officials in Hong Kong:
0	doc1967911	Victoria Peak. As early as the 19th century, the Peak attracted prominent European residents because of its panoramic view over the city and its temperate climate compared to the sub-tropical climate
0	doc2243347	ChinaPortugal relations. However, with gradual improvement of relations and aid given against the Wokou pirates along China's shores, by 1557 Ming China finally agreed to allow the Portuguese to sett
0	doc1579795	Handover of Hong Kong. Two rounds of negotiations were held in October and November. On the sixth round of talks in November, Britain formally conceded its intentions of either maintaining a British a
0	doc1208399	Visa requirements for Chinese citizens of Hong Kong. Many countries require passports to be valid for at least 6 months upon arrival.[329] Note that some nations have bilateral agreements with other c
0	doc2022275	Hong Kong International Airport. The airport is operated by the Airport Authority Hong Kong 24 hours a day and is the primary hub for Cathay Pacific (the flag carrier of Hong Kong), Cathay Dragon, Hon
0	doc356254	Transfer of sovereignty over Hong Kong. The PRC attacked the motion furiously, referring to it as "somebody's attempt to play the three-legged stool trick again".[23] At length, the PRC and Britain in
0	doc2194004	Hong Kong Housing Authority. At the time of its creation, membership of the authority was made up as follows:[4]

0	doc2061729	Historiography of the British Empire. Rejecting the Indian nationalist account of the British as alien aggressors, seizing power by brute force and impoverishing all of India, British historian P. J.
0	doc68347	Commonwealth of Nations. The postwar Commonwealth was given a fresh mission by Queen Elizabeth in her Christmas Day 1953 broadcast, where she envisioned the Commonwealth as "an entirely new conception
0	doc355588	Windows Registry. HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE (HKLM)
0	doc2504074	Foreign domestic helpers in Hong Kong. During a recession in October 2003, the Hong Kong government imposed a HK\$400 monthly Employees' Retraining Levy for hiring a foreign domestic helper under the E
0	doc1777610	Political correctness. In Hong Kong, as the 1997 handover drew nearer, greater control over the press was exercised by both owners and the Chinese state. This had a direct impact on news coverage of r
0	doc1203668	British Columbia. Vancouver and Victoria became cultural centres as poets, authors, artists, musicians, as well as dancers, actors, and haute cuisine chefs flocked to the beautiful scenery and warmer
0	doc1154041	Parameswara (king). The relation with Ming China started in the early 15th century[20] when Parameswara embarked on several voyages to visit the Yongle Emperor. In 1403, the first official Chinese tra
0	doc848076	Women in the Victorian era. Queen Victoria reigned as the monarch of Britain's colonies and as Empress of India. The influence of British imperialism and British culture was powerful throughout the Vi
0	doc1043384	Hong Kong English. Since the handover, English in Hong Kong remains primarily a second language, in contrast to Singapore where English has been shifting toward being a first language.
0	doc1756083	Hong Kong Cantonese. Selected loanwords[5] are shown below.
0	doc1496668	Passport stamp. Beginning 19 March 2013, landing slips are issued to visitors on arrival in Hong Kong instead of passport stamps, and on departure from Hong Kong no slips or passport stamps are issued
0	doc1159691	New Imperialism. These lines show Kipling's belief that the British who actively took part in imperialism knew more about British national identity than the ones whose entire lives were spent solely i
0	doc2510842	History of Penang. Francis Light had established George Town as a free port, thus allowing merchants to trade without having to pay any form of tax or duties. In effect, this measure was intended to e
0	doc1018792	Coastal management. Little improvement took place beyond the Roman approach to harbour construction after the Renaissance. Then in the early 19th century, the advent of the steam engine, the search fo
0	doc38594	United Kingdom and the American Civil War. Even before the war started, Lord Palmerston pursued a policy of neutrality. His international concerns were centred in Europe, where he had to watch both N
0	doc582039	Sphere of influence. For another example, during the height of its existence in World WarA II, the Japanese Empire had quite a large sphere of influence. The Japanese government directly governed even
0	doc871624	History of Ghana. When the English government allowed control of the Gold Coast settlements to revert to the British African Company of Merchants in the late 1820s, relations with the Ashanti were sti
0	doc2416119	History of tea. Tea remained a very important item in Britain's global trade, contributing in part to Britain's global dominance by the end of the eighteenth century. To this day tea is seen worldwide
0	doc2410600	Colonialism. Asking whether colonies paid, economic historian Grover Clark argues and an emphatic No! He reports that in every case the support cost, especially the military system necessary to suppor
0	doc56069	Culture of Australia. The British Empire expanded across the whole continent and established six colonies. The colonies were originally penal colonies, with the exception of South Australia, which was

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