

The Arrival of British Empire

"The Empire on which the sun never sets"

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Top Questions

- What was the British Empire?
- When did the British Empire begin?
- Which Asian country was the first to gain independence from the British Empire?
- What was the last significant colony of the British Empire?
- Does the British Empire still exist today?

Background

Introduction

The first tentative steps toward the establishment of the British Empire began with overseas settlements in the 16th century. Great Britain's maritime expansion accelerated in the 17th century and resulted in the establishment of settlements in North America and the West Indies. The East India Company began establishing trading posts in India in 1600, and the first permanent British settlement in Africa was made at James Island in the Gambia River in 1661.