

IMPERIALISM

Land of Hope and Glory

Land of Hope and Glory, Mother of the Free,
How shall we extol thee, who are born of thee?
Wider still and wider shall thy bounds be set;
God, who made thee mighty, make thee mightier yet.

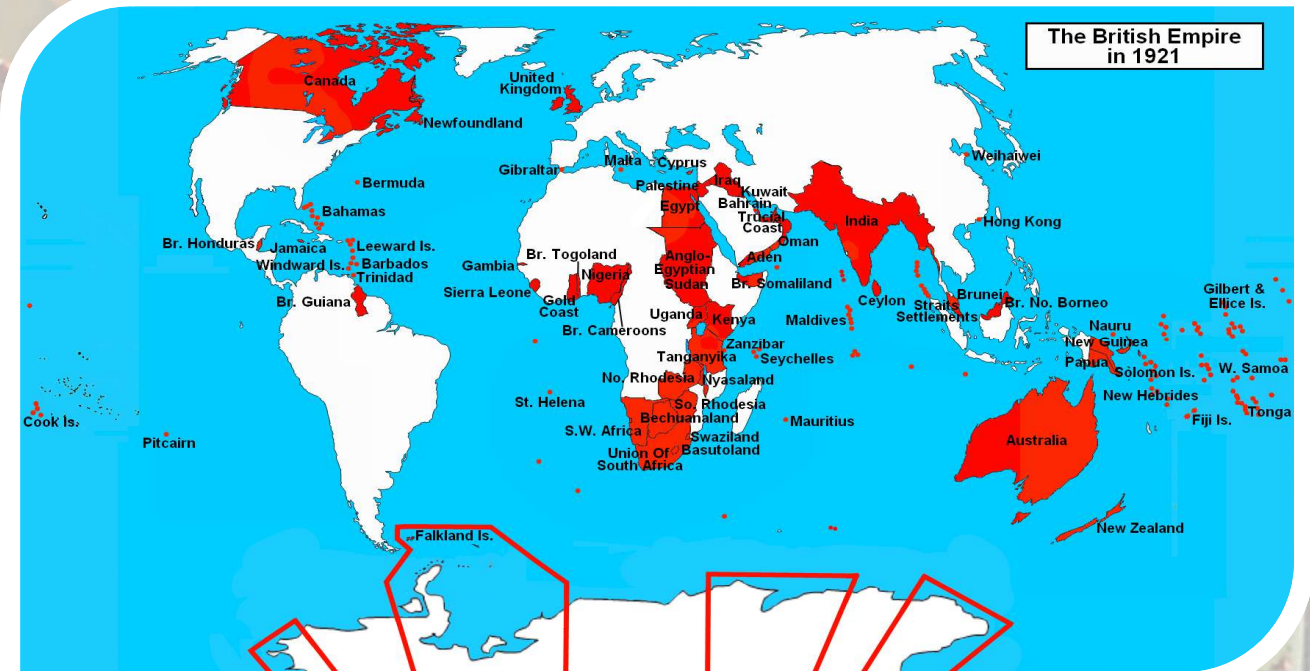
RULE BRITANNIA

When Britain first at Heaven's command
Arose from out the azure main;
This was the charter, the charter of the land,
And guardian angels sang this strain:
'Rule, Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves,
Britons never shall be slaves.'



The British Empire

The British Empire originated with England's first overseas possessions established between the 16th and 18th centuries. At its height, it was the largest empire in history, and, for over a century, the foremost global power. By 1920 it covered 35,000,000 km² of the world's surface, ruling over 412 million people. Due to its size, the phrase '*The empire on which the sun never sets*' was often used to describe the Empire. Historians distinguish between a 'First British Empire' (1583-1783) focused on Ireland, North America, the Caribbean and India, and a 'Second British Empire' (19th and 20th c.) centered around India, Africa and the Middle East.



Lord Macaulay

We must at present do our best to form a class who may be interpreters between us and the millions whom we govern; a class of persons, Indian in blood and colour, but English in taste, in opinions, in morals, and in intellect.

Cecil Rhodes

I contend that we are the first race in the world, and that the more of the world we inhabit the better it is for the human race...If there be a God, I think that what he would like me to do is paint as much of the map of Africa British Red as possible.