



# Year 6 History: Was the Windrush a significant turning point in British History?

**Key Topics:** The Windrush, Caribbean and British relations, a history of Black people in Britain, reasons for the Windrush, life in Britain after the Windrush



## Key Vocabulary

colony	A colony is a piece of land that another country has taken over and rules.
Commonwealth	The Commonwealth is a group of 54 independent countries who joined together to promote peace, prosperity and democracy. Almost all of them are former British colonies and the Queen is the head of the Commonwealth. It began in 1931.
demobbed	If you are demobbed you are released from your service in the military, when a war ends many men and women are 'demobbed'.
discrimination	Treating someone unjustly because of a characteristic they have, e.g. gender, race, age, a disability.
empire	When a country has a lot of colonies it is called an Empire.
immigration	This is when you move permanently to another country.
indigenous	Indigenous or native peoples are the people who are living in a country originally.
migrant	Someone who moves to a new place to find work or better living conditions.
Mother Country	In an empire the mother country is the country that rules (e.g. Britain, Spain, Portugal, France etc..)
plantation	Large farms that grow crops such as sugar and tobacco.
racism	Treating people differently or believing they are different because of their race/ colour of their skin.
Transatlantic Slave Trade	In the 1600s African people were taken against their will across the Atlantic. They were bought and sold as slaves and made to work in the European plantations.

## Events and Places



The 8000 mile journey that the ship the **Empire Windrush** made from the Caribbean to the London docks in 1948.



The annual Notting Hill Carnival, a celebration of Caribbean music, dance and culture that first began in London in 1966.

**1948** the British Nationality Act gives all commonwealth citizens the right to settle and work in the UK.  
**1958** Race Riots in many UK cities.  
**1962** Commonwealth Immigration Act restricts those who can come freely to Britain.  
**1965 and 1968** Race Relations Act makes discriminating against people in the UK because of their colour or race illegal.

