

TOPIC: Migration to and from Britain (10,000 BC to present)

The British are a mongrel nation! Our DNA is a mixture of dozens of immigrant groups who settled here long before us, all the way back to prehistoric times. Similarly, when Britain ruled a vast Empire, many people left these islands and spread British culture around the globe. This unit is the story of those 'comings and goings' and the reasons (push and pull factors) behind those great movements.



MIGRATION TIMELINE (10,000 BC to present):

10,000 BC approx.	First European hunter-gathers arrive in the British Isles
750 BC +	Celtic culture spreads among early inhabitants of Britain
43 AD	Romans invade and impose their culture on Celtic society
450	Anglo-Saxons arrive from Denmark and North Germany
793	Viking raids begin - 200 years of raiding and settlement
1066	Battle of Hastings and the Norman Conquest of England
1290	All the Jews living in England are expelled by King John
1570s	French Huguenots (Protestants) flee to live in England
1650s	Oliver Cromwell allows the Jews to return to England
1800s	Mass migration to Britain during Industrial Revolution
1840-50	Many Irish arrive in England after Great Potato Famine
1948	Empire Windrush brings black migrants from West Indies
1960s	Large numbers of Bangladeshi, Indian & Pakistani arrive
1973 – 2000s	Migrants arrive from the EU, particularly Eastern Europe

KEY MIGRATION VOCABULARY:

British Empire	Britain ruled over one third of the world's territory by 1900
Celts	Tribal people who settled in Britain during the early Iron Age
Colony	Country or territory ruled over by a more powerful country
Cousin Jack	Slang term for Cornish relative living overseas in the colonies
Diaspora	Dispersal of people away from their homeland, e.g. overseas
Discrimination	When people are treated differently due to race, religion, etc
Emigration	Movement of person or people away from a country (outgoing)
European Union	Alliance of European nations with common laws (currently 27)
Immigration	Movement of a person or people into a new country (incoming)
Migration	The movement of person or people from one place to another
Potato Famine	Failure of the potato crop that killed one million Irish in 1847
Prejudice	Unfavourable, hostile opinion against another person or group
Push & Pull Factors	Push factors force people away/pull factors draw them towards
Refugees	Person forced to leave their home due to war, hatred, famine

IMMIGRANT GROUPS COMING TO BRITAIN:

Anglo-Saxons	Invaders from Northern Europe, ancestors of the English
Bangladeshis	Muslim arrivals from Bangladesh (East Pakistan) in 1970s
Chinese	Immigrants from China, Hong Kong, Malaysia & Singapore
Cypriots	Many Greek & Turkish Cypriots arrive after 1974 conflict
Europeans	EU membership saw rising immigration from 1973-2016
Huguenots	French Protestants fleeing persecution from 1500-1750
Indians	Hindu & Sikh immigrants, post-independence, from 1960s
Irish	Seeking work/fleeing famine during Industrial Revolution
Jews	Waves of Jews during 1650s and late 1800s from Russia
Normans	William brings his Norman followers after 1066 conquest
Pakistanis	Muslim immigrants, post-independence, from the 1960s
Romans	Imperial invaders imposing rule on Britain from 43 AD

IMMIGRANT GROUPS COMING TO BRITAIN:

Vikings	Viking raiders settled around Yorkshire from the eighth century
West Indians	Black migrants arrive to help re-build post-war Britain – 1948 +

EMIGRATION FROM BRITAIN TO THE COLONIES (destinations):

Australia	Former convict colony became a popular destination from 1800
Canada	Great migration to Canada occurred between 1815 and 1850
Cape Colony	British settlers arrive from 1820 to drive out the Dutch/Boers
European Union	British 'ex-pats' move to countries across the EU after 1992
Kenya	Many white British farmers move to Kenya shortly after 1900
India	British colonists settle in India from the mid-1700s to mid-1900s
New Zealand	British colonists / farmers settle in New Zealand from the 1840s
Rhodesia	British mineral rights (gold mining) and settlement from 1890s
United States	English settlers help colonise 'New World' - late 1500s onwards