Migration: Quiz Questions

Conquered and Conquerors

1. Why did the Vikings first invade Britain?
2. Why did the Vikings choose to settle in Britain?
3. Which king established English as a more important language, and how?
4. What was the name of the king who defeated the Vikings at Edington?
5. What did Alfred agree with Guthrum?
6. Who were the sons of Edgar the Peaceful?
7. What was the name of the money paid to make the Danes stop raiding?
8. Why did Aethelred marry Emma of Normandy?
9. Why did Sweyn Forkbeard attack Aethelred?
10. What was the St. Brice’s Day Massacre?
11. What was the name of the Viking who fought against Aethelred?
12. What was the money paid to the Vikings by Aethelred called?
13. Who succeeded Aethelred?
14. Who was Edmund Ironside, and what happened to him?
15. Which king ruled over the North Sea Empire, and how did he come to the throne?
16. Who were the three claimants to the throne in 1066?
17. Which king won England by conquest, and whom did he defeat?
18. List three ways England changed under William I’s rule.
19. How did William I control England?
20. What was it called when William burned the North?
21. How did Henry I become king of England?
22. Which potential queen was passed over for the throne, and how did she react?
23. Who fought a civil war in England, and how long did it last?
24. How did Henry II come to rule over the Angevin Empire?
25. Which territories did Henry II control?
26. Who became king after Henry II?
27. How did Richard I impact the Angevin Empire?
28. Who became king after Richard I?
29. Whom did John allegedly murder?
30. What was the name of the agreement John signed?
31. What were John’s nicknames, and why?
32. Which king lost the Angevin Empire, and why?
33. Which king started the Hundred Years’ War, and why?
34. Why did Edward III declare war on France?
35. Which two key battles did Edward III win?
36. For how many kings’ reigns did the Hundred Years War last?
37. How many men fought on each side at Agincourt?
38. Which area of France remained to England at the end of 1453?
39. How did the Hundred Years War affect England and France?

Looking West

1. Who ‘discovered ‘America, and when?
2. Whom did Henry VII commission to discover new lands in 1496?
3. Why did England establish a base in North America?
4. Why did people leave Britain to go to the Americas? Give two reasons.
5. What was a privateer?
6. What percentage of Spanish treasure ships were plundered?
7. List three British privateers.
8. What were ‘cash crops’?
9. How did the reasons for the foundation of the colonies at Jamestown and New Plymouth differ?
10. Where did Britain establish colonies in America?
11. How did the establishment of British colonies impact the native people of America?
12. Before slavery, who worked the plantations?
13. How did British people benefit from the slave trade? Give specific examples.
14. Which British cities profited from the slave trade the most?
15. How many people were shipped from Africa to America as slaves in the 1700s?
16. What was the trade triangle?
17. What was grown on the plantations?
18. When was the slave trade abolished?
19. When did it become illegal to own a slave in the British Empire?
20. How many colonies did Britain establish in America?
21. Who were the Pilgrim Fathers, and why were they important?
22. What were the Navigation Acts?
23. What was the Boston Tea Party, and why was it important?
24. Give three reasons America wanted independence from Britain.
25. Which battle showed Britain that they could not defeat America?
26. Which country supported America against Britain?
27. How did the loss of the American colonies impact Britain?
28. Who were the Huguenots?
29. What was the St. Bartholomew’s Day Massacre?
30. How did the Edict of Nantes affect Huguenot migration?
31. What skills did the Huguenots bring to Britain?
32. What were the Ulster Plantations?
33. What were the effects of the Ulster Plantations?
34. Which German family replaced the Stuarts on the English throne?
35. At which battle was the Jacobite Rebellion ended?
36. What were the Highland Clearances?
37. Give two consequences of the Highland Clearances.

Expansion and Empire

1. Why did Britain seek to gain control of India, and how did they do it?
2. Which natural resources did Britain gain from India?
3. Why did the Indian Rebellion begin?
4. How did Britain react to the Indian Rebellion?
5. How did Britain impact India?
6. How many kilometres of railway did Britain lay?
7. How much money did Britain invest in India?
8. How much of Africa was under European control in 1800?
9. What was the ‘Scramble for Africa’?
10. How much of Africa was under European control by 1900?
11. Why did the Boers leave Cape Colony?
12. What was the name of the man who set up the De Beers company?
13. Why did the Boer Wars begin?
14. List three consequences of the Boer War.
15. List three things that make Cecil Rhodes significant.
16. Why was the Suez Canal so important to Britain?
17. How did Britain take over Egypt?
18. How did Britain gain Sudan?
19. What was imperial propaganda, and how was it used?
20. Why did people migrate from Ireland in the 1840s and 1850s?
21. What was a navvy?
22. Where did many Irish migrants work?
23. What percentage of the British army was Irish in the early 1800s?
24. Who was Britain’s first Jewish prime minister?
25. Why did Jewish refugees from Russia come to Britain?
26. What is chain migration?
27. How were these migrants treated by Britain?
28. What is internal migration?
29. Why did the so many of the rural population move to the cities in the 1800s?
30. What is forced migration?
31. Why did people migrate to Australia?

Britain in the Twentieth Century

1. How much of the world’s land surface did the Empire occupy at its height?
2. How many people lived in the British Empire at its height?
3. List three reasons for the decline of the Empire.
4. How did the world wars result in Britain’s influence diminishing?
5. Give two reasons colonies wanted independence.
6. What was the Suez Crisis?
7. How did it reduce Britain’s control?
8. Which leader campaigned for Indian independence?
9. What was the Partition of India?
10. What were the consequences of the Partition?
11. In which year did India become independent?
12. Who was the key leader for independence in the Gold Coast?
13. Which African country is the Gold Coast now?
14. Who led the Kenya African Union?
15. What was the Mau Mau Rebellion?
16. How did the Mau Mau Rebellion make it harder for peaceful independence campaigns in Kenya?
17. List three places from which people migrated to Britain after the Second World War.
18. What is the Commonwealth?
19. What was the British Nationality Act?
20. Give two reasons many people wanted to leave the Caribbean after the Second World War.
21. What was the Empire Windrush?
22. What was the ‘colour bar’?
23. How did the Notting Hill Carnival begin?
24. What was the Commonwealth Immigration Act?
25. Why did Argentina invade the Falklands?
26. What does Argentina call the Falklands?
27. How did Britain react to the invasion of the Falklands?
28. List three consequences of the Falklands War.
29. What were the two organisations that led to the foundation of the EU?
30. Why did Britain not join the EEC originally?
31. Which treaty was signed in the 1990s, making the EEC the EU?
32. How many countries are there in the EU?
33. What are the people who believe Britain should be free from the EU called?
34. Why did immigration to Britain increase after 2004?
35. What is net migration?