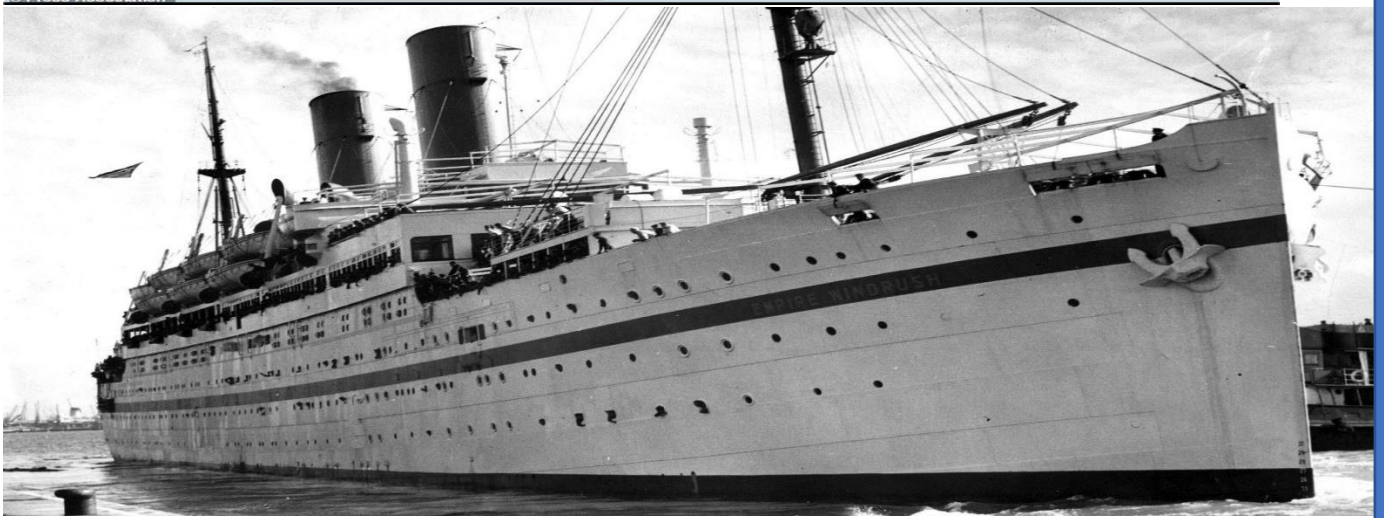
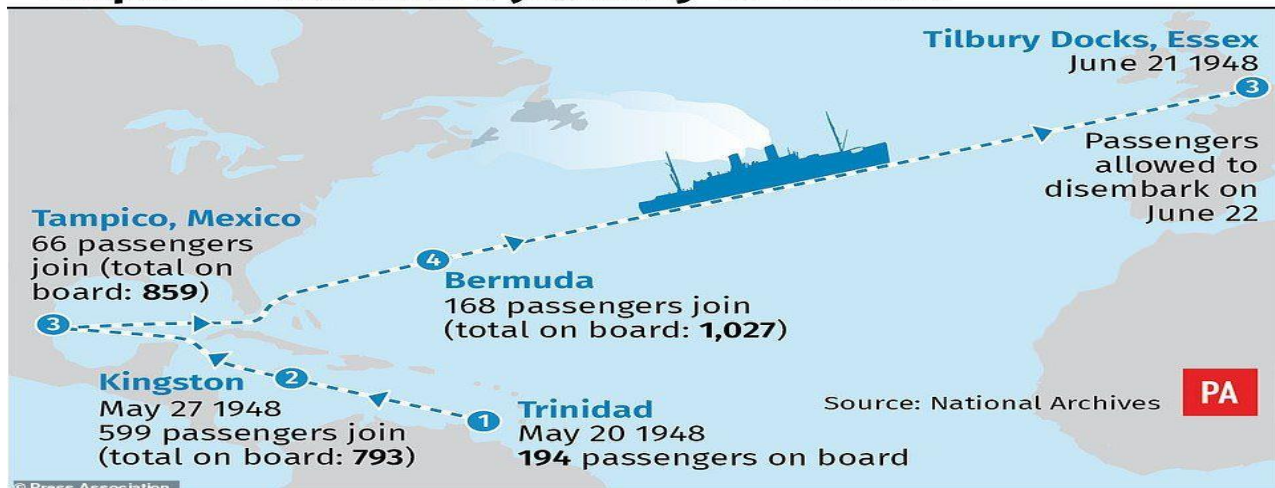


Timeline of events

Empire Windrush's journey to Britain



Slavery

During the original settlements in the new world in America, slavery of black people was common. Slaves were bought and sold as objects and slave owners did not treat their enslaved people well. Slavery had almost been completely removed from the northern states by the 1800s. However, the southern states of America still relied heavily on this practice. One route for escaping the horrors of slavery was the Underground Railroad. This was an association of people who would try to help enslaved people to escape. Slavery was abolished in 1865.

Civil Rights Movement

The main aim of the Civil Rights Movement was to give everybody equal rights regardless of their: skin colour, gender, nationality, religion, disability or age. The aim of the movement, which peaked in the 1960, was to ensure that the rights of the people are equal and were protected by law.

Key Knowledge:

The **Empire Windrush** arrived at Tilbury on 22 June 1948, carrying 493 passengers from Jamaica wishing to start a new life in the United Kingdom. The passengers (including one stowaway) were the first large group of West Indian immigrants to the UK after the Second World War.

Britain was just starting to recover from the war: thousands of buildings had been bombed and many houses destroyed. Britain needed to be rebuilt.

In the Caribbean, lots of young men and women had served in the British armed forces because, at that time, many Caribbean countries were still under British rule and were not yet independent.

After the war, some of these people answered an advert to come to Britain for work.

When the people from the *Windrush* arrived at port, they were faced with discrimination and racism because of the colour of their skin.

The Windrush scandal happened years later when some members of the Windrush Generation and their relatives were told that they did not have the right to be in the UK and would have to return to the country in which they were born. In 2018, the government apologised for this act.

Key Vocabulary:

The Windrush – the ship on which people travelled to come to the UK

The Windrush Generation – people arriving in the UK between 1948 and 1971 from Caribbean countries.

The Windrush Scandal – 2018 British political scandal in which people were detained and deported.

Slavery – the state of being a slave.

Civil Rights Movement – an organised effort by black Americans to end racial discrimination and to gain equal rights under the law.

Commonwealth - association consisting of the UK along with states that were previously part of the British Empire.

Significant People:

Martin Luther King Jr (1929-1968) – pastor and peaceful protestor for equal rights.

Rosa Parks (1913-2005) – civil rights activist born in Alabama.

Harriet Tubman (1822-1913) – born into slavery in Maryland, Harriet managed to escape and journey north on the Underground Railroad. She helped others to escape slavery.



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Historical Skills and Enquiry:

To explore the validity of secondary and primary sources.

To explore the historical contexts in which the Windrush was taking place.

To explore how the actions of some led to historical change.