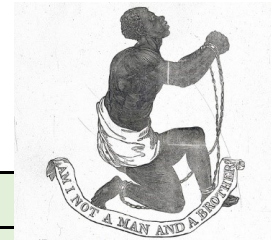


Year 8 History 1 – Empire Struggles Knowledge Organisers



KEY WORDS	
Empire	A group of countries and people ruled over by another.
Transatlantic Slave Trade	Where millions of Africans were torn from their homes and taken to the Americas to be sold as slaves.
Enslaved	Sold into slavery taking away people's human rights.
Equiano	A former slave who became a writer and campaigner for the abolition of slavery.
Plantation	An estate/farm where crops such as coffee sugar and tobacco are grown.
Campaign	A planned set of activities aimed at bringing about change.
Resistance	Refusal to accept a situation.
Emancipation	Being set free by law.
Abolition	The legal ending of slavery.
Racism	The belief that one race is better than another (based on skin colour). This leads to discrimination/negative treatment.

KEY POINTS	
1	Empire building. The British ruled over numerous countries, with India being the “Jewel in the crown”
2	Africa had many advanced civilisations, such as the Kingdom of Benin, the city of Timbuktu and ancient civilisation of Egypt.
3	Africa is a huge continent with rich resources like gold and in the south and fertile farmland in the west.
4	Triangular trade. A system, which involved ships leaving Europe for Africa, trading manufactured goods for people, shipping them across the Atlantic to be sold into slavery. Ships would then return to Europe with a cargo of sugar rum and cotton.
5	Middle Passage –The horrors of the journey from Africa to the Americas across the Atlantic.
6	Plantation life. A study of what life was like for enslaved people working in the Americas.
7	Chattel slavery. Slaves were treated as someone's property enabling the owner to do as he wished with him or her.
8	Equiano– was an enslaved African who bought his freedom, wrote a book on his experiences and became a leading campaigner for the abolition of slavery.
9	Abolition in the UK. The campaign which resulted in the British government abolishing the slave trade in 1807 and ending slavery in the British empire in 1833.