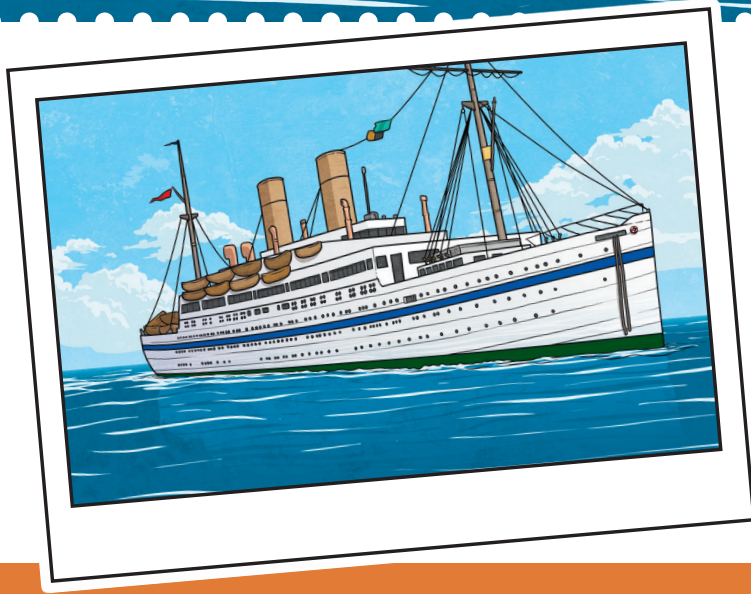


The Windrush



What Was the Empire Windrush?

HMT Empire Windrush was a ship which first set sail in 1930. It used to be called MV Monte Rosa and was used by German soldiers during the Second World War. The United Kingdom used it after the war to transport British troops. Then, the ship was renamed Empire Windrush.

Who Were the Windrush Generation?

The United Kingdom needed more workers after the Second World War. The British government offered cheap travel for members of the Commonwealth of Nations to move to the UK for work. This attracted many people from Caribbean countries.

The Empire Windrush set sail in May 1948 from Kingston in Jamaica to London. It carried 1027 people and they later became known as the Windrush generation. Many people only planned to move for a few years but most ended up staying in the UK.

What Was Life Like for the Windrush Generation?

Many of the Windrush generation worked in places such as factories, on transport or in the National Health Service. While some British people were welcoming, many Black people suffered **discrimination** and struggled to find housing because of their race.

The Windrush generation played an important role in shaping British society. An indoor Caribbean carnival was created in London in 1959 and this became an outdoor festival called Notting Hill Carnival in 1966. National Windrush Day was set up on 22nd June 2018 and it has become a yearly event and is a celebration of Caribbean culture in London.



What Was the Windrush Scandal?

In 2018, some of the Windrush generation were threatened with **deportation** from the UK and some were arrested. This became known as the Windrush scandal. Although they had lived and worked in the UK for many years, some were told that they were living there illegally because they had no paperwork.

The prime minister of the United Kingdom apologised for the government's treatment of the Windrush generation. She made it clear that they had the right to remain in the UK. National Windrush Day was set up on 22nd June 2018 and it became a time to honour the Windrush generation. An inquiry was also set up to suggest changes the government could make to support the Windrush generation and make sure that such a scandal would never happen again. Many of these changes have not been made yet and are still being discussed today.

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Questions

1. What was HMT Empire Windrush? Tick one.

- ☐ car
- ☐ lorry
- ☐ plane
- ☐ ship

2. Draw **four** lines to complete the sentence.

National Windrush Day was set up on 22nd June 2018...

Notting Hill Carnival has become a yearly event

Many people only planned to move for a few years...

The British government offered cheap travel for...

but most ended up staying in the UK.

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and it became a time to honour the Windrush generation.

and is a celebration of cultures.

3. Number the sentences from 1-4 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

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- ☐ HMT Empire Windrush used to be called MV Monte Rosa.
- ☐ The prime minister of the United Kingdom apologised for the government's treatment of the Windrush generation.
- ☐ The United Kingdom needed more workers after the Second World War.

4. Where did HMT Empire Windrush travel to in 1948? Tick one.

- ☐ Southampton
- ☐ Portsmouth
- ☐ London
- ☐ Liverpool

5. Fill in the missing word.

This _____ many people from Caribbean countries.

6. What was the HMT Empire Windrush used for straight after the Second World War?

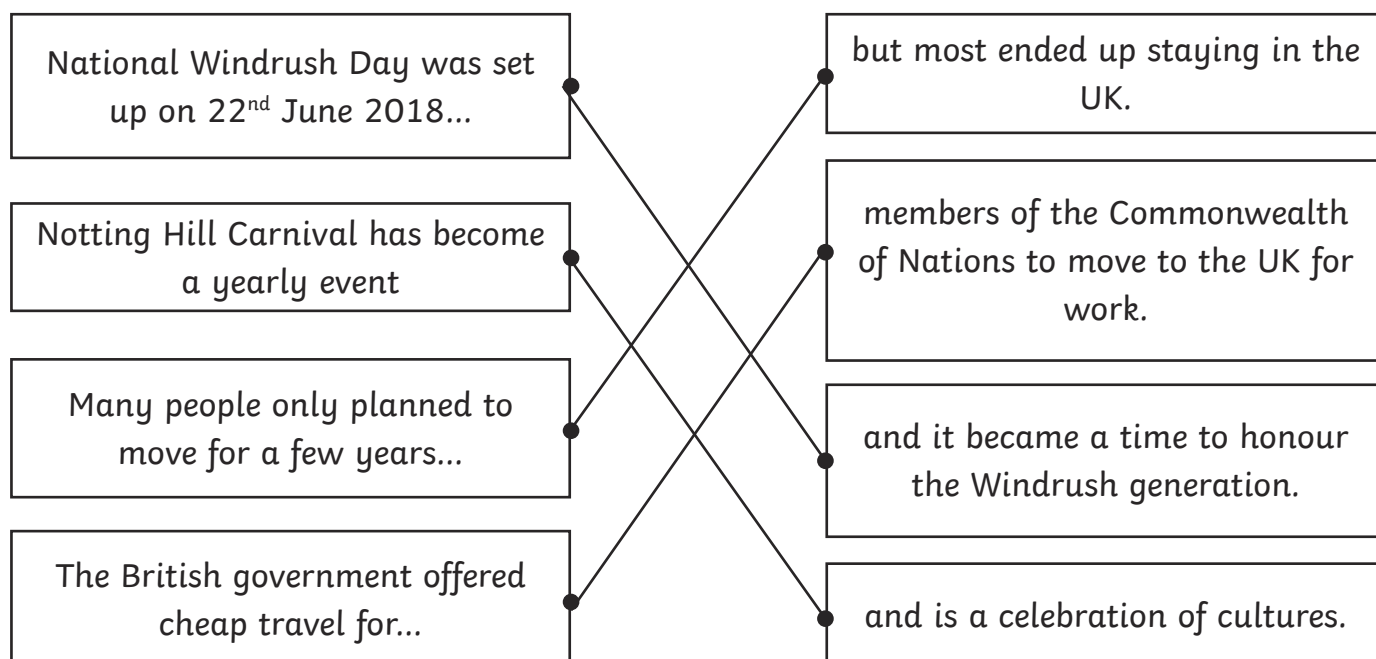
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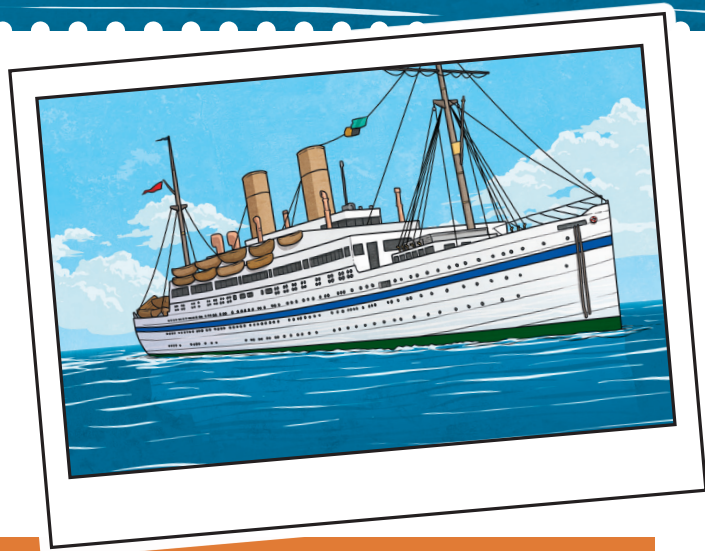
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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think people in the Caribbean may have felt nervous and excited before their journey to the United Kingdom because they were travelling to a new country but unsure of what to expect.

The Windrush



What Was the Empire Windrush?

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Who Were the Windrush Generation?

In 1948, the United Kingdom had a shortage of workers after the Second World War and they needed to rebuild the **economy**. The British government offered cheap travel for members of the Commonwealth of Nations to move to the UK for work. This attracted many people from Caribbean countries.

In May 1948, the Empire Windrush transported 1027 passengers from Kingston in Jamaica to London. These people later became known as the Windrush generation. Although many people only planned to move for a few years, most stayed in the UK.

What Was Life Like for the Windrush Generation?

Many of the Windrush generation faced a mixed response from society. While some British people were welcoming, many Black people suffered **discrimination** and struggled to find housing because of their race. They worked in places such as factories, on transport or in the National Health Service. They also played an important role in shaping British society. In 1959, an indoor Caribbean carnival was created in London and in 1966, this became an outdoor festival known as the Notting Hill Carnival. It has become a yearly event and is a celebration of cultures. It is famous for its bright colours, dancing and lively atmosphere.



.... What Was the Windrush Scandal?

In 2018, some of the Windrush generation were threatened with deportation from the UK and some were arrested. This became known as the Windrush scandal. People who were part of the Windrush generation were allowed to live in Britain permanently. Although they had lived and worked in the UK for many years, some were told that they were living there illegally because they had no paperwork. Some people lost their jobs while others were refused healthcare.

The prime minister of the United Kingdom in 2018 was Theresa May. She apologised for the government's treatment of the Windrush generation. She made it clear that they had the right to remain in the UK. National Windrush Day was set up on 22nd June 2018 and it became an annual day to honour the Windrush generation. An inquiry was also set up to suggest changes the government could make to support the Windrush generation and make sure that such a scandal would never happen again. Many of these changes have not been made yet and are still being discussed today.

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- ☐ Barbados
- ☐ Jamaica
- ☐ Egypt
- ☐ Germany

2. Underline **one** word in the quotation below which means the same as 'every year'.

It became an annual day to honour the Windrush generation.

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- ☐ National Windrush Day was set up on 22nd June 2018.

4. When was the indoor Caribbean carnival first created? Tick one.

- ☐ 1948
- ☐ 1959
- ☐ 1969
- ☐ 1977

5. Look at the sub-heading **What Was the Windrush Scandal?** Find and copy one word which means the same as 'said sorry'.

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7. What do you think the journey by boat from Kingston to London may have been like?

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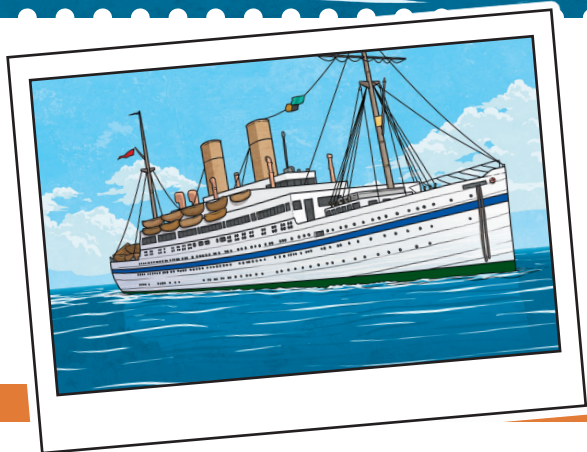
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8. **It is famous for its bright colours, dancing and lively atmosphere.**

What do you think the author wanted to show about Notting Hill Carnival by the phrase 'lively atmosphere'?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the author wanted to show that Notting Hill Carnival is a fun, energetic and busy place to be by the phrase 'lively atmosphere'.

The Windrush



Who Were the Windrush Generation?

In 1948, the United Kingdom was recovering from the effects of the Second World War. The country had a shortage of workers and needed to rebuild the **economy**. The British government tried to encourage members of the Commonwealth of Nations to move to the UK by offering cheap travel to anyone who wanted to work there. This attracted many people from Caribbean countries.

In May 1948, the Empire Windrush made one of its most famous voyages and transported 1027 passengers from Kingston in Jamaica to London; these people later became known as the Windrush generation. Although many people only planned to stay for a few years, the majority remained in the UK permanently.

What Was the Empire Windrush?

HMT Empire Windrush was a ship that first set sail in 1930. It used to be called MV Monte Rosa. During the Second World War, it transported German soldiers to different countries. At the end of the war, the United Kingdom used it to transport British troops. It was then that the ship was renamed Empire Windrush.

What Was Life Like for the Windrush Generation?

Many of the Windrush generation faced challenges and a mixed response from society. While some British people were welcoming, many Black people suffered **discrimination** and struggled to find housing because of their race. Some felt excluded from society because of this. There were instances of violence and riots broke out in some cities.



The Windrush generation played an important part in rebuilding Britain's economy. Many of them worked in places such as factories, on transport or in the National Health Service. Additionally, the Windrush generation played an important role in shaping British society. In 1959, an indoor Caribbean carnival was created in London and in 1966, this became an outdoor festival known as the Notting Hill Carnival. It has become a yearly event and is a celebration of cultures to help bring people from different communities together. It is famous for its bright colours, dancing and lively atmosphere.

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Theresa May was prime minister of the United Kingdom In April 2018. She apologised for the government's treatment of the Windrush generation and assured their right to remain in the UK. National Windrush Day was created on 22nd June 2018. It became an annual day to honour the Windrush generation and how they helped shape British society and culture. An inquiry was also set up to suggest changes the government could make to support the Windrush generation and make sure that such a scandal would never happen again. Many of these changes are still being considered today.



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- ☐ MV Admiral
- ☐ HMS Suffolk

2. Draw **four** lines and match each year to the event that took place then.

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1948	National Windrush Day was created.
1959	The ship later known as HMT Empire Windrush first set sail.
2018	An indoor Caribbean carnival was created in London.

3. Look at the sub-heading **Who Were the Windrush Generation?**

Find and copy one word which means the same as 'journeys'.

4. Fill in the missing words.

She _____ for the government's treatment of the Windrush generation and assured their right to _____ in the UK.

5. What did the United Kingdom need to rebuild after the Second World War?

6. Why do you think it was important for people who had moved to the UK from the Caribbean to be able to go to a carnival in London?

7. Compare how the Empire Windrush was used differently during the Second World War to 1948.

8. **Additionally, the Windrush generation played an important role in shaping British society.**

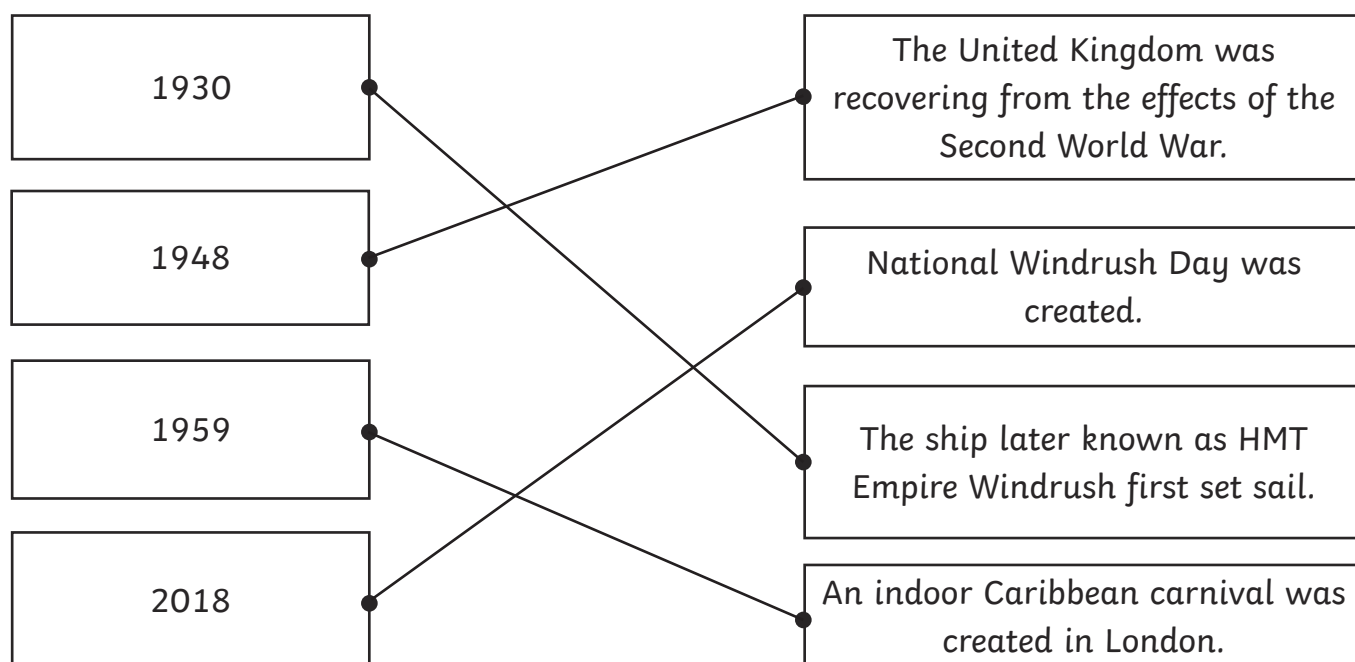
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voyages

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The United Kingdom needed to rebuild their economy after the Second World War.

6. Why do you think it was important for people who had moved to the UK from the Caribbean to be able to go to a carnival in London?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think it was important for people who had moved to the UK from the Caribbean to be able to go to a carnival in London because they would have been able to listen to music that reminded them of home and meet other people in the same situation.

7. Compare how the Empire Windrush was used differently during the Second World War to 1948.

Pupils' own responses, such as: During the Second World War, the Empire Windrush was used to transport German soldiers to different countries. In 1948, it was used to transport passengers who were moving to the UK from Commonwealth countries for work.

8. Additionally, the Windrush generation played an important role in shaping British society.

What do you think the author means by 'shaping British society'?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the author means that the Windrush generation helped influence British society. They introduced British people to different things, such as music and food.