

Sikh and Indian Australians

Teacher Resource 2 - Vocabulary development

TERM	DEFINITION
Empire	A group of countries, called colonies, ruled over by a more powerful government or emperor.
Imperial	Power of a ruling state over countries or colonies under its control
Mother Country	A term often used to describe Great Britain during the colonial era
Dominion	A name used to describe the British colonies during the early twentieth century
Commonwealth	Also called the Commonwealth of Nations includes over 50 independent countries, which were once British colonies
Empress	The female head of an empire. For example, Queen Victoria held the title of Empress of India.
fraternity	Friendship and mutual support. Brotherhood
Federation	Joining of several countries (such as the Australian colonies) to make a political union with a central government, while each of the component countries (States) has control of its internal laws
T'othersider	A term used in Western Australia to describe people from the other side of Australia such as Victoria and NSW
Britannia	The woman with a trident and helmet used as a representation of Great Britain and the British Empire; also the Roman name for Great Britain
Swan River Mahogany	A colonial term for jarrah
Boer	A Dutch and Afrikaans word for farmer. Used to describe the settlers of Dutch and German ancestry in South Africa.
Garrison	A fort or place where troops are stationed
Penal colony	A colony established to take convicts exiled from another location
Merchant shipping	Ships used for trading goods, not defence purposes
British East India Company	A British trading company which began in 1600 and focused trade on India. Ended operations in 1874.