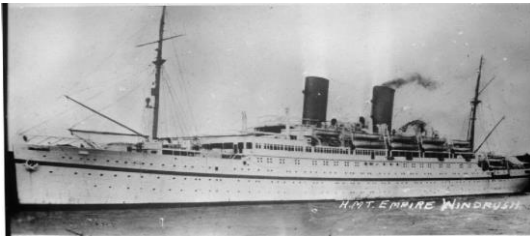


Feels like home, Refugees and immigration. Knowledge Organiser

The Empire Windrush was a passenger liner launched in Germany in 1930 and used as a navy troopship during World War 2. Many of the men and women of the Caribbean supported Britain in its war efforts (as soldiers and nurses etc). After World War 2, Britain needed more men and women to work in industry because of a shortage of workers that died during the war. In 1948, the Empire Windrush brought 492 West Indian immigrants from Jamaica to London, travelling thousands of miles across the Atlantic. People were told that they would find a better way of life in Britain and that **'The streets were paved with gold'**.

When they arrived, many people were not given equal rights or opportunities. They experienced racism and discrimination and often found it very difficult to find a home to live in and make friends. Due to the change in the immigration law in 2012, people who arrived in the UK as children with their parents (on the Windrush) were wrongly told that they lived here illegally. Due to this, some of them lost their jobs, homes, benefits and free access to health care (NHS) and some were sent to immigration detention centres and faced deportation.



KEY PEOPLE

Home Secretary Sajid Javid

On 21 August 2018, the then Home Secretary Sajid Javid announced that after a review of 11,800 cases, 18 members of the Windrush generation who could have been wrongfully removed or detained would get a formal apology from the government.

KEY VOCABULARY

Citizen	A legally recognised person of a country or commonwealth.
Colony	A country that is or was controlled by another country.
Deportation	The action of deporting a foreigner from a country.
Discrimination	Wrongly judging another person according to their race, religion, lifestyle choices, colour or gender.
Empire Windrush	A ship used to carry immigrants from the Caribbean to the UK.
Immigrant	Someone who has come to one country from another
Migrant	Someone who has left their home country to live in another.
Opportunity	A chance.
Recruiting	Persuading someone to join a company, group or force.

DID YOU KNOW?

The government announced that a day celebrating the contribution of the Windrush generation and their descendants - Windrush Day - would be held annually on 22 June.

