

Black History Month

Black History: British Timeline

AD 43 Roman conquest begins. Roman soldiers come to Britain from all over North Africa and Europe.

1507 A Black trumpeter at Henry VII's Court.

1555 The First Black Slaves are brought to Britain.

1601 Elizabeth 1 orders the expulsion of London's small Black population.

1700's Population of Black and Asian slaves, servants and seamen increases.

1765 Campaign for emancipation of slaves begins.

1783-88 Americans who remain loyal to Britain move to the United Kingdom.

1833 Abolition of slavery in Britain.

1914-18 An influx of migrants from the empire as a result of the war effort.

1939 Soldiers and workers from the empire are stationed in Britain for the war.

1948 SS Empire Windrush brings the first West Indian immigrants to Britain.

1968 British Asians are expelled from Kenya and many settle in Britain.

1972 British Asians are expelled from Uganda and many settle in Britain.

1976 Commission for Racial Equality established.

1980's Somali refugees arrive in Britain.

1993 Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act is passed.

2001 Race Relations Amendment Act is passed.