SMRP Knowledge Organiser for Year 5 Black History – Who were the Windrush Generation?



History knowledge

In June 1948, the Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury Docks, Essex carrying hundreds of people from the Caribbean. Many aboard had been to Britain before. Some had fought in World War Two. Most were filled with excitement and hope about coming to Britain. Citizens had British citizenship and British passports because many islands within the Caribbean were part of the British Empire. The arrival of Windrush is very well known, but this was not the first nor the last ship to carry migrants from the Caribbean. Many other people came to Britain to make new lives and help rebuild the country after the war.

Princess Campbell came to Bristol in 1962 after hearing a plea on the radio in Jamaica saying "The Mother Country needs you". She was the first black employee at the famous Wills Factory in Bedminster, before training as a nurse.

The Caribbean region is mainly a chain of islands surrounding the Caribbean Sea.



History Vocabulary

Word	Definition			
Primary Source	An object from which teaches us about the past and is from that period eg magazine article written at the time.			
Secondary Source	An object from which teaches us about the past and is not from that period eg a magazine article about 1948 but written in 2021.			
Migration	Human migration involves the movement of people from one place to another with intentions of settling, permanently or temporarily, at a new location.			
Deport	The action of deporting a foreigner from a country.			
Windrush Generation	Those who arrived in the UK from Caribbean countries between 1948 and 1973.			

Key Dates in Chronological Order

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	1939	1945	June 1948	November 2017	April 2018		
	Start of World War 2	End of World War 2	The Empire Windrush	People of the Windrush	The Government agree not		
			arrives in England.	Generation are told they may be deported.	to deport anyone else from the Windrush Generation.		