

SMRP Knowledge Organiser for Year 6— What was Edward Colston's impact on Bristol?



The Transatlantic Trade route used by Colston and other merchants to transport goods including slaves.

History knowledge

Edward Colston was born in Bristol in 1636 and died in 1721.
He followed his father in the family business and became a merchant who was involved in the Atlantic Slave Trade.
The Atlantic Slave Trade involved the forced enslavement of many millions of Africans and their transport to the Americas, where they were made to work without wages in often inhumane conditions.
In 1680 Colston became a member of the Royal African Company which at the time had a monopoly on the slave trade. By 1689 he had risen to become its deputy governor.
Through his work in the Royal African Company, Colston became very rich and Bristol honoured him; naming dozens of buildings, institutions, charities, schools, sports clubs, pubs, societies and roads after him.

History Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Legacy	an amount of money or property left to someone in a will
Primary source	work that gives original information. It is something that comes from a time being studied or from a person who was involved in the events being studied
Secondary source	a document or recording that writes or speaks about information that is one step removed from the original source. It interprets, evaluates or discusses information found in primary sources.
Artefacts	are human-made objects from the past. Artefacts are primary sources for archaeologists and historians. An artefact may be a building, a tool, a weapon, a piece of art, money, clothing, or music.
Archives	a collection of records.
Reliability	how trustworthy a source is.
Bias	personal opinion for or against something.
Demographic	a portion of a human population with a shared characteristic or characteristics such as age, gender, ethnicity, or income.
Statistics	involves gathering information, summarising it, and deciding what it means. The numbers that result from this work are also called statistics.
Deprivation	the condition or state of not having something that one needs, especially a thing that all or most people need, such as safety, affection, food, and shelter.

Key Dates in Chronological Order

1639	1672	1680—1692	1772	1895	2020
Edward Colston born in Temple Street, Bristol.	Edward Colston was a merchant in London buying and selling textiles, oils and wines.	Edward Colston was a member of Royal African Company.	Edward Colston died (aged 84) at home in South West London.	Statue of Edward Colston erected in Bristol to commemorate his philanthropy.	Statue of Edward Colston pulled down and placed in the M-Shed.