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Migrants in Britain,
c800–present *and*
Notting Hill,
c1948–c1970

Using *Our*
Migration Story





Introduction

For teachers of history, the [Our Migration Story](#) website is a useful resource. It has relevance for many options across the Pearson GCSE History specification, and links to the website have been added to the topic booklets for those options. However, it is especially useful as a source of examples that can be used to support the Pearson GCSE History option 13 for Paper 1, *Migrants in Britain, c.800–present*, and *Notting Hill, c1948–c1970*. The resources on the site may provide useful examples which could be used in lessons, as homework or to extend the learning of higher-attaining or enthusiastic students.

Our Migration Story is an academic project which has collated examples of migrants in Britain from AD43 through to the twenty-first century. The examples draw attention to the variety of experiences, motivations and contexts of different groups of migrants in Britain. It has been developed in partnership with the Runnymede Trust, The University of Manchester, The University of Cambridge and the Arts & Humanities Research Council. The teaching resources and case studies on the website are free to use.

All the stories of migration on the *Our Migration Story* website are written by academic contributors. The more difficult words are explained, and the sources are generally accessible, but teachers may need to scaffold discussion around some parts of the accounts to help students to fully understand the issues being discussed. One thing of particular use is the bank of [teaching resources](#) on the website. This, along with the section on [information for teachers](#), can be helpful in planning how you might use the migration stories in a lesson. The articles have questions at the end. Some are quite challenging, but they could be used by teachers as the basis for class discussion, or to extend the thinking of more able students.

The table below gives examples of how you might use some of the resources on the *Our Migration Story* website to support your teaching. The selection of resources and the links to the specification are simply suggestions, used to exemplify the possibilities that are available to teachers who want to incorporate this resource in the classroom.

Important note

The *OMS* website was not designed specifically for this specification. When teaching the Pearson Edexcel GCSE History specification, **the specification content is always the definitive guide** that teachers should follow when designing schemes of work and planning lessons, not the choice of case studies on the *OMS* website. Issue 3 of the specification can be downloaded [here](#). Required teaching content is identified in the specification; teachers may enjoy using other examples. Additionally, teachers should note that the time divisions on the *OMS* website of 1500–1750 and 1750–1900 do not precisely equate to the time divisions of c1500–c1700 and c1700–c1900 in the Pearson *Migrants in Britain* specification content.

In the *Migrants in Britain* topic booklet, you will find examples in the content guidance section that can be used to teach the specification content. Some of the exemplification listed in that section is covered in the case studies on the *OMS* website.

Pearson also encourages centres to look for local examples, relevant to them, that meet the specification content. The *OMS* website might be a means to finding local examples.



Migration in medieval England, c800–c1500

Migration story	Relevant specification content	Link to specification content
Making peace: Scandinavian migrants and King Alfred's 'fyrd'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of migrants in England, including the Danelaw 	This article challenges the traditional interpretation that Vikings were raiders who destroyed and pillaged by considering the assimilation of Scandinavian culture into Anglo-Saxon culture, primarily through language and Danelaw.
England's migrant King: Knut of Denmark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasons for migration and patterns of settlement 	The article looks at the life and significance of King Knut (Cnut) in England, as well as some reasons for migration and raiding.
The Norman conquest: women, marriage, invasion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasons for migration The impact of migrants in England 	This article briefly looks at reasons for and context of the Norman invasion, before focusing on its impact, including the significance of intermarriage.
An African presence in thirteenth-century Britain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of migrants in England 	The first part of the article addresses the Domesday Book, which was a significant aspect in the Norman consolidation of power in Britain. The rest of the article looks at evidence for Africans living in England in the Middle Ages.
Who was the Ipswich Man?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The context of English society 	This article is a summary of the archaeological discovery of 'Ipswich Man', the body of a man who most likely came from Tunis, North Africa.
Poems of protest: Meir ben Elijah and the Jewish people of early Britain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of migrants in England 	This article takes a detailed look at the experience of Jews in England during the Middle Ages. Part of the article focuses on the experiences of Jews in Norwich, and there is a translation of a poem by Meir ben Elijah which expresses his experiences of persecution.
Alien subsidies in Medieval England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of migrants in England 	The article looks at the alien subsidy that was introduced in 1440, considering why it was introduced as well as the impact on migrants. In doing so, it considers how migrants in later medieval England were viewed by the population and the government.



Becoming English: letters of denization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of migrants in England 	This article looks at the legal option of purchasing letters of denization from the Crown. It considers the reasons for this, the contrasting experiences of wealthy migrants, who could afford such letters, and migrants of more modest means, as well as the difference between denization and naturalisation.
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Migration in early modern England, c1500–c1700

Migration story	Relevant specification content	Link to specification content
Romani Gypsies in sixteenth-century Britain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patterns of settlement The changing context of English society The experience of migrants in England 	The article identifies both the origins of Romani Gypsy migrants (and what people believed about their origins), as well as their reasons for migration. The migration of Romani Gypsies to England is explained in the context of a growing European trend of rising vagrancy.
Evil May Day: anti-alien riots in 1517	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of migrants in England 	An interesting article which looks at the experience of migrants in early sixteenth-century London. It looks at how migrants in England were viewed by the native population, and how this turned to riots and violence in 1517. It also has an analytical consideration of the value of some of the evidence.
African freedom in Tudor England: Dr Hector Nunes' petition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patterns of settlement, including migrants from Europe and Africa The changing context of English society The experience of migrants in England 	This article addresses the context and experience of two migrant groups in England – Africans and Portuguese Jews. It shows how the migration of these groups to England fits into the context of England's growing international role.
The plight of the Huguenots: Thomas Papillon's Advertisement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of Huguenots in seventeenth-century England 	This article gives a good overview of the experience of the Huguenots in England, focused around two contemporary sources – an advertisement and a royal declaration.
Huguenot silk weavers in Spitalfields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of Huguenots in seventeenth-century England 	This article focuses attention on the impact of Huguenot migrants in the silk trade. It also considers different reactions to the naturalisation of Huguenots.



Migration in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Britain, c1700–c1900

Migration story	Relevant specification content	Link to specification content
Palatines in exile: German refugees on Britain's fringes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of migrants in England The impact of migrants in England 	This article looks briefly at the experience of the Palatines who migrated to England, including how different groups within English society offered support for or opposition to this migration. The article compares the experience of the Palatines with that of the Huguenots.
Migrating home: 'mixed' children and the return of the nabobs of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The changing context of British society The experience of migrants in Britain 	This article looks at the role of the East India Company in the British Empire and international trade, as well as the experience of children born to British men in relationships with Indian women.
Slavery and the African diaspora: legacies of British slave ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transatlantic Slavery 	A helpful summary of Britain's role in the Transatlantic Slave Trade, including the migration of people of African descent to Britain. It also considers the legal problems faced by formerly enslaved people who had reached Britain, such as the challenges in returning to the Caribbean.
Blood libels, castration and Christian fears: opposition to Jewish citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of migrants in Britain 	This article looks at the anti-Semitic campaign against the 1753 Naturalisation Act, which was repealed in 1754. It identifies the types of messages and accusations which were levelled against Jews, including the fears that many in the population felt at the prospect of Jewish naturalisation.
From slavery to freedom: J. Gronniosaw's 'Narrative'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transatlantic Slavery Reasons for migration and patterns of settlement 	This article addresses the way that the British colonial control of parts of North America opened a route for some people of African descent to arrive in Britain. It also considers the significance of the 1772 Somerset case, as well as the experience of individuals who arrived in Britain.
The lascars: Britain's colonial sailors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasons for migration and patterns of settlement 	This article describes the migration of Lascars to British ports and other cities.
The Irish in early industrial Britain: George Cornwall Lewis's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of migrants in Britain 	The article has a detailed overview of Irish immigrants to Britain, including the conclusions that were made in Lewis's report.



<u>Italian immigration in late-Victorian Britain</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patterns of settlement • The experience of migrants in Britain 	This is a brief overview of the migration of Italians to Britain in the later 1800s. It is particularly focused on the employment that they found. It briefly mentions how the British population reacted to Italian immigrants.
<u>Exhibiting foreigners: the case of performing 'prince' Lobengula</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The changing context of British society • The experience of migrants in Britain 	The article looks at the experiences of Peter Lobengula, as well as other African performers in Britain. The article emphasises the importance of looking into the everyday lives of migrants.
<u>A London slum: Irish migration and its threat</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The experience of migrants in Britain 	This uses a London slum as a case study to show the conditions experienced by many migrants in London. This could be useful alongside a study of the experience of other groups of migrants in London in this period, as many were forced to live in similar slum conditions to the ones described in this article.
<u>Britain's merchant shipping: West African seafarers in Liverpool</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patterns of settlement • Changing context of British society • Liverpool in the nineteenth century 	The article looks at the increasing role of West African sailors in the navy, as well as their migration to British port cities like Liverpool. Some of the Liverpool examples are early twentieth century, but much is relevant to the specification case study of Liverpool in the nineteenth century.
<u>The first Indian MP: Dadabhai Naoroji</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of migrants in Britain 	This article is quite detailed and challenging due to the political language but it summarises the experience of the first two Indian MPs in Britain.
<u>Student migrants: Cornelia Sorabji at Oxford</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of migrants in Britain • Changing context of British society 	This article looks at the involvement of migrants from British colonies in British education, due to the importance of having British qualifications for professional work in the colonies. It focuses on the life of Cornelia Sorabji, who was a pioneer in extending the rights of women in British education.
<u>A home for the ayahs: from India to Britain and back again</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for migration • The experience of migrants in Britain 	This article gives a broad overview of ayahs, including the reasons that brought them to Britain and their experience in Britain.



Migration in modern Britain, c1900–present

Migration story	Relevant specification content	Link to specification content
Lithuanian miners in Scotland: migration and misconceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasons for migration and patterns of settlement The experience of migrants in Britain 	This article is useful in addressing the wider British focus, since it covers groups of migrants to Scotland specifically, including Lithuanians but also Asians and Italians. The article considers reasons for migration as well as the reaction of people in Scotland and the experience of the migrants.
Building Italian communities: caterers, industrial recruits and professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of migrants in Britain The experience of migrants in Britain 	The article focuses on the migration of Italians to Britain. It includes their impact on certain industries, like catering, as well as their experience as a result of events in Europe like the rise of Mussolini and the outbreak of the Second World War.
Jewish immigration and the Aliens Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The changing context of British society; the Aliens Act (1905) 	This article begins with a long view of the legacy of migration to Britain, before focusing on the 1905 Aliens Act as a conclusion to an open immigration period in British history.
The East London Mosque	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasons for migration The experience of migrants in Britain 	The article details the events leading up to the establishment of the East London Mosque. It also explains the reasons for the growth of the Muslim population in East London in the context of events in Indian and Pakistan in the twentieth century.
Indian aristocrats and protest: the story of Sophia Duleep Singh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The changing context of British society 	Through the case study of Sophia Duleep Singh, who was born in Britain in 1876 to the former Maharaja of Punjab who was a naturalised British citizen, and a woman of German and Egyptian descent, this article looks at how Indian migrants have contributed to and influenced Britain.
Germanophobia and World War I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The changing context of British society The experience of migrants in Britain 	The article looks at the experience of German migrants in Britain in the context of the First World War, including legislation that was introduced that affected migrants and riots aimed at German migrants.
Serbian child refugees in the First World War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The experience of migrants in Britain 	This article gives a broad overview of the experience of Serbian migrants in Britain. It also shows how this was part of a trend in the twentieth century for Britain to accept child migrants from countries where they were in danger.



<u>Irish nurses in wartime Britain: Mary Morris' diary</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patterns of settlement, including migrants from Ireland 	Through the example of Mary Morris's diary, the article considers the experiences of Irish migrants in Britain during the mid-twentieth century.
<u>Somali seafarer Ibrahim Ismaa'il: from Cardiff to the Cotswolds</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The experience of migrants in Britain 	The article uses a detailed original source text to consider the experience of the Somali seafarer and migrant, Ibrahim Ishmaa'il.
<u>Chinese Limehouse and 'Mr Ma and Son'</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The experience of migrants in Britain 	A detailed summary of the experience of Chinese migrants to Britain, particularly London and Liverpool. One highlight is the summary of the work of Lao She, which offers insights into the experience of migrants from the writings of a Chinese migrant.
<u>The African diaspora: global solidarity in inter-war Britain</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of migrants in Britain 	This article looks at the impact of Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia on Africans and people of African descent in Britain, in particular the work of the International African Friends of Ethiopia.
<u>Polish soldiers and refugees in World War II Britain</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The experience of migrants in Britain 	The article is an overview of the Polish migration to Britain as a result of the Second World War. The article describes their experience in Britain.
<u>Global Britons at war: from service to settlement</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for migration and patterns of settlement • The experience of migrants in Britain • The impact of migrants in Britain 	A good overview of the recruitment of people from the Commonwealth during the Second World War, including the discrimination they faced and their impact on Britain.
<u>Jewish refuge and the Nazi regime</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugees and asylum seekers 	The article summarises the migration of Jews from Nazi-controlled areas of Europe. It also describes the changing reaction of the British public to these migrants in line with international events.
<u>Seafarers and stowaways in 'London's Harlem'</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for migration • The experience of migrants in Britain 	The article looks at the growth of the African and Caribbean population in Stepney, London, especially in the post-WW2 period, and the experience of these migrants.
<u>Music and migration: songs from the Irish in Birmingham</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of migrant in Britain 	The article focuses on Birmingham, where there was a large Irish population settled in the 1950s and 1960s. The article also identifies reasons why this group of migrants became so well established.



<u>Families divided: the campaign for Anwar Ditta and her children</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation on immigration and nationality • Anti-immigration and equal rights movements 	Through the example of Anwar Ditta and her children, this article looks at how legislation has affected migrants from the Commonwealth.
<u>London on the move: West Indian transport workers</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for migration • The experience of migrants 	The article looks at the changes in the context of British employment in the post-WW2 years which led to a demand for employees in public transport and the recruitment of workers from the Caribbean.
<u>Communities in action: the Indian Workers' Association</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of migrants in Britain • Equal rights movements 	This article looks at the significance of the Indian Workers' Association in Britain from 1938 onwards in campaigning for rights for Indian workers.
<u>Resisting racism: the Bradford 12 defence campaign</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The experience of migrants in Britain 	This article examines the context of racial tensions in Bradford in the mid-twentieth century, and the significance of the trial of the Bradford 12.
<u>On the picket line: Jayaben Desai from East Africa to Grunwick</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for migration and patterns of settlement • The experience of migrants in Britain • The experience of Asian migrants in Leicester from 1945 	The article focuses on the migrants of Asian migrants from East Africa, including the reasons for migration and their experiences in British cities, including Leicester.
<u>Polish migration after 2004</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU membership • Reasons for migration • The impact of migrants in Britain 	The article discusses the reasons for Polish migration following Poland's entry into the EU in 2004, as well as the experiences of the migrants and the impact they have had in Britain.
<u>'Go Home': responses to migration in Britain today</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-immigration and equal rights movements • The relation of migrants with the authorities 	This article looks at the debate around the 2013 'Go Home' vans of the Home Office which were part of Operation Vaken, including the definitions of illegal immigration and the issue of asylum seekers in the UK in the twenty-first century.



Notting Hill, c1948–c1970

Migration story	Relevant specification content	Link to specification content
Murder in Notting Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The murder of Kelso Cochrane and the reaction of the local community	A very detailed overview of the murder of Kelso Cochrane, including its consequences, which concludes with a parallel to the murder of Stephen Lawrence in 1993. There are several sources shown in the article.
Darcus Howe and Britain's Black Power movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The British Black Panthers• The 'Mangrove Nine'	The article is a very detailed account of the development of the Black Power movement in Britain, setting it in context of national and international events. It also considers the use of Black Power publications as source evidence, as well as showing the significance in context of the British Black Panthers and the 'Mangrove Nine'.
Sailing from St. Vincent: the story of Jannett V. Creese	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The reasons for Caribbean migration to the area	The article primarily focuses on Jannett Creese as an example of a migrant who moves to London to train as a nurse, in the context of post-WW2 Britain. The subheading 'Women of <i>Empire</i> ' also has an interesting analysis of the complexity of black migratory movements to Britain in the period of <i>Empire Windrush</i> .