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# ***World Studies for Georgia Students-Grade 6***

## *Chapter 8: The Commonwealth of Nations*

### *Section 1: A Brief History of British Colonization*

#### **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. By the mid-1600s there were a number of English \_\_\_\_\_ in the western hemisphere.
2. Even though other \_\_\_\_\_ countries had colonies in North America, the Kingdom of Great Britain won out over its European rivals that included the Dutch, French, and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ became part of the British Empire in 1763 as a result of the British victory over \_\_\_\_\_ in the French and Indian War.
4. In 1788, the British also colonized the continent of \_\_\_\_\_ and the many islands along their trading routes.
5. Although \_\_\_\_\_ too was a British colony, its people did not join the other colonies in forming the United States. The British maintained control over \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ until the 20th century.
6. Countries that peacefully won independence generally maintain stronger ties to the United Kingdom today as part of the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The British \_\_\_\_\_ remained strong until the war-torn 20th century.
8. After the war, most territories and colonies of the British Empire became \_\_\_\_\_.

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### *Section 2: British Culture Abroad*

#### **Guided Reading**

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1. Throughout history, the \_\_\_\_\_ of people has resulted in the sharing of languages, religions, and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In many cases, British \_\_\_\_\_ was forced upon indigenous (native) people for the comfort of colonists.
3. In other cases, the United Kingdom encouraged British people to \_\_\_\_\_ *en masse* (as a group) to new colonies in order to secure ownership of the land.
4. This was the only way of life they had known, so they \_\_\_\_\_ their home abroad.
5. Although they did try to \_\_\_\_\_ (absorb into their cultural tradition) indigenous people, the British colonists \_\_\_\_\_ indigenous people in many colonies.

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### *Section 3: The British Commonwealth*

#### **Guided Reading**

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. As you learn about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, you are going to hear the phrase British Commonwealth.
2. As the colonies gained their independence throughout the 1900s, some colonies chose to \_\_\_\_\_ their ties with the United Kingdom.
3. The land area of the \_\_\_\_\_ includes about one-quarter of the earth.
4. The British \_\_\_\_\_ is the head of the Commonwealth and is also the head of \_\_\_\_\_ in 16 countries that are part of the Commonwealth.
5. In order to join the \_\_\_\_\_, countries must have equal rights within their country and agree with the Commonwealth's position on unity, peace, equality, and free trade.
6. There are \_\_\_\_\_ countries around the world that are part of the Commonwealth.
7. The member countries include some of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ countries in the world. There are actually two member countries now, \_\_\_\_\_ and Mozambique, that were not even part of the British Empire.
8. One of the most important \_\_\_\_\_ is having diplomatic relationships with other member nations throughout the world. In other words, they have \_\_\_\_\_ around the world.