



Loss of land

Explorers of empire searched for new lands to settle, grow sugar, flax, tobacco, tea and other crops, and mine for gold, silver and coal. Local people lost their lands to these newcomers.



Loss of life

Local people lost the way of life which gave them food and warmth. Many died in poverty, from diseases brought by new arrivals, were killed or forced to work in harsh conditions.



Loss of family & friends

Local people were forcibly kidnapped and taken away from those who they loved, and from the place they knew as home. To become an enslaved workforce far away.



Loss of culture, language and name

Local people were converted to Christianity and educated in ways that encouraged them to forget their own culture, languages and names.



Loss of control

If explorers of British empire found a place that gave new wealth, Britain wanted to own it. Many local people found themselves 'taken' into British control.



Resistance & strength

Despite all this, local people resisted with great strength and dignity to live new lives and pass on their culture and history to new generations. These descendants have a growing voice.