

Year 9 Autumn 1 Powerful Knowledge			<i>ENGLISH</i>
#	Question	Topic	Vocabulary
1	In which two countries is ‘Small Island’ set?	Background	‘Set’ means based or situated.
2	Who wrote the play adaptation of ‘Small Island’?	Background	‘Adaptation’ means version.
3	Who wrote the original novel upon which the play ‘Small Island’ is based?	Background	
4	The novel focuses on the perspectives of which two groups?	Background	‘Perspectives’ means views.
5	During which time period is the play set?	Background	
6	What is the name given to the people who migrated to the United Kingdom from the Caribbean after World War Two?	Context	‘Migrated’ means moved.
7	What motivated many people to move from the Caribbean to the UK at this time?	Context	‘Motivated’ means inspired/drove.
8	What challenges did people who moved from the Caribbean face in the UK?	Context	
9	Why did people from the Caribbean join the British Armed Forces during World War Two?	Context	
10	What is meant by the term Jamaican Independence?	Context	
11	Why does Hortense believe she is superior to others?	Characters	‘Superior’ means better.
12	Why does Queenie marry Bernard Bligh?	Characters	
13	Why does Gilbert’s cousin believe he should not join the war effort?	Characters	
14	How does Gilbert meet Queenie?	Characters	
15	Which of the three narrators could be described as selfish and conceited?	Characters	‘Conceited’ means proud/arrogant.
16	What are stage directions?	Devices	
17	What is a flashback?	Devices	
18	What is a soliloquy?	Devices	
19	What does a narrator do?	Devices	
20	What is vernacular?	Devices	
21	What is meant by the term ‘prejudice’?	Key terms	
22	Define ‘discrimination’.	Key terms	
23	What is colonialism?	Key terms	
24	What is meant by the term ‘patriarchal’?	Key terms	
25	Describe one example of inequality that we see in the text.	Key terms	
26	Why does Hortense say she is staying in the schoolhouse as the hurricane approaches?	Quotations	
27	What metaphor does Miss Jewel use to describe Hortense’s skin?	Quotations	
28	What does Queenie compare Bernard to in order to highlight how incompatible they are?	Quotations	‘Incompatible’ means poorly matched.
29	What does Gilbert say his mother told him about violence?	Quotations	
30	What does Hortense call Gilbert when they first meet?	Quotations	

#	Answer
1	'Small Island' is set in Jamaica (including Kingston) and England (including Lincolnshire and London).
2	The play adaptation of 'Small Island' was written by Helen Edmundson .
3	The original novel upon which the play 'Small Island' is based was written by Andrea Levy .
4	The novel focuses on the perspectives of Windrush immigrants (Gilbert, Hortense) and English people (Queenie, her family).
5	The play is set in the 1920s-40s .
6	People who migrated to the United Kingdom from the Caribbean after World War Two are known as the Windrush Generation .
7	Many people were motivated to move from the Caribbean to the UK at this time to find better paid job opportunities following World War Two .
8	Many people who moved from the Caribbean to the UK faced racial abuse and struggled to find housing or work because of racist attitudes .
9	People from the Caribbean joined the British Armed Forces during World War Two because they wanted to help the war effort and defend democracy .
10	Jamaican Independence refers to Jamaica's declaration that it was no longer controlled by/a colony of Britain .
11	Hortense believes she is superior to others because she has fairer skin than most other people in Jamaica .
12	Queenie marries Bernard Bligh because she does not want to live in Lincolnshire with her parents and she cannot remain in London unmarried .
13	Gilbert's cousin, Elwood, believes Gilbert should not join the war effort because he does not believe it is his fight; he thinks Gilbert should be fighting for Jamaican Independence instead .
14	Gilbert meets Queenie when Arthur mistakes him for Michael and leads him back to Queenie's house .
15	Hortense could be described as selfish and conceited.
16	Stage directions are instructions that explain how actors should perform/staging should be arranged .
17	A flashback is a scene set in a time earlier than the main story .
18	A soliloquy is when a character speaks their thoughts aloud, regardless of any listeners .
19	A narrator recounts events/tells the story .
20	Vernacular is the language/dialect spoken by ordinary people in a country or region .
21	Prejudice is a preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or experience .
22	Discrimination is unjust or prejudicial treatment of groups of people .
23	Colonialism is when a country takes political control over another country .
24	Patriarchal describes a society that is controlled or ruled by men .
25	Examples of inequality we see in the text include: racial prejudice in Jamaica, Queenie's dependence on her family/Bernard, conflict between Gilbert and the white GIs, the prejudice of the police
26	Hortense says she is staying in the schoolhouse as the hurricane approaches to give the man she loves "the opportunity to come and rescue" her .
27	Miss Jewel tells Hortense that her skin is "a golden life" .
28	Queenie compares Bernard to "a creature from another planet" .
29	Gilbert says his mother told him "violence solve nothing" .
30	Hortense calls Gilbert "a big, clumsy oaf!" .