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CASE STUDY 2: THE END OF BRITISH RULE IN GHANA (WEST AFRICA)

In this gallery you are studying the factors that brought about the end of the British empire. The sources in this case study look at just one example of an African country that gained independence from Britain - Ghana in West Africa. As you study the sources, look for reasons why British rule ended. The sources may provide evidence that one or more of these factors were important:

1. The British left Ghana as soon as the people there wanted them to.
2. The British left because of the actions of important individuals.
3. The British were forced out by peaceful political protests.
4. The British were forced out by armed resistance.
5. The British wanted to leave because the area was causing them problems.

As you study each source, decide whether it supports any of these factors. When you have looked at all of the sources and the Background, try to decide on the relative importance of these factors.

[Background](#) | [Worksheet](#)

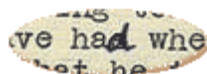
Use the [Worksheet](#) to record your ideas.

The [Background](#) will give you an introduction to the end of British rule in Africa.

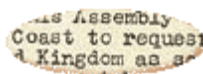
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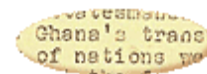
[1. Newsreel film of events, Gold Coast, 1951](#)



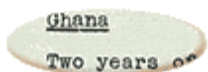
[2. Report on a speech by Kwame Nkrumah, 1953](#)



[3. Secret report on Gold Coast independence, 1956](#)



[4. Messages on Ghana's independence, 1957](#)



[5. Report on democracy in Ghana, 1959](#)

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