



History of Singapore for Primary 6 Students

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Section 1

History of Singapore





Subsection 1

Pre-Colonial Era



- ▶ Singapore was originally a Malay fishing village known as Temasek.
- ▶ Sang Nila Utama, a Prince from Palembang, is said to have landed on the island and named it "Singapura" or "Lion City."



Subsection 2

British Colonization



- ▶ In 1819, Sir Stamford Raffles established a British trading post on the island.
- ▶ Singapore became an important port under British rule, attracting immigrants from China, India, and the Malay Archipelago.



Subsection 3

Japanese Occupation (1942–1945)



- ▶ During World War II, Singapore was occupied by Japan from 1942 to 1945.
- ▶ The occupation was a difficult period marked by hardship and suffering.



Subsection 4

Path to Independence



- ▶ After World War II, Singapore returned to British rule.
- ▶ In 1955, it gained self-governance, and in 1963, joined the Federation of Malaysia.
- ▶ Singapore became fully independent on 9 August 1965.



Subsection 5

Growth and Development



- ▶ From 1965, Singapore transformed into a global financial and trade hub.
- ▶ Rapid economic growth and development characterized the nation.
- ▶ Education and housing policies improved the standard of living.



Subsection 6

Modern Singapore



- ▶ Today, Singapore is known for its multicultural society and as a leading global city.
- ▶ It continues to play a significant role in international trade and finance.



Subsection 7

Notable Events & Figures



- ▶ Lee Kuan Yew - Singapore's first Prime Minister; led the nation to independence.
- ▶ Lee Hsien Loong became Prime Minister in 2004, continuing the legacy of development.



Subsection 8

Key Concepts



- ▶ Multiculturalism: A society with many different cultures and races living together.
- ▶ Economic Hub: A center for business and trade.
- ▶ Independence: Freedom from colonial rule and the ability to govern oneself.



Subsection 9

Conclusion



- ▶ Singapore's history is a tale of resilience and progress.
- ▶ It is a story of transformation from a small island to a prosperous nation on the world stage.