***How did the British Empire become the richest in the world?***

1. **Look at the various reasons listed below.**
2. **Decide which ones would be real reasons for wanting an Empire and only highlight them.**

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|  | **They wanted people to play football with** |
|  | **If Britain had colonies it would be easier to sell their *manufactured goods*** |
|  | **Britain wanted access to *materials* like gold, precious metals and jewels** |
|  | **It rained too much in Britain** |
|  | **It was an opportunity for poorer people in Britain to make money** |
|  | **Cities like London were overcrowded** |
|  | **People in Britain wanted to experience different lifestyles and cultures** |
|  | **Britain wanted products they could not grow like cotton, tobacco and tea** |
|  | **Many Britons believed that they had a duty to spread Christianity** |
|  | **It would make Britain look more powerful** |
|  | **It would be good for other countries to share Britain’s *technological advances*** |
|  | **Britain wanted to show its power by going to war** |
|  | **Britain didn’t want its rivals like France and Germany to control these areas** |
|  | **Queen Victoria wanted to be called Empress of India** |

1. **In the left hand column rank the highlighted reasons in order of importance**

**Key Words**

**colonies – *an area of land ruled by another country***

**technological advances *– new inventions e.g. railways, that make life easier***

**manufactured goods – *products that are made in large numbers in factories***