**Why did the British build an empire?**

**Use the grid below to answer these questions:**

1. Which colony had the largest area?
   * Challenge: Why would this be useful to Britain?
2. Which colony had the largest population?
   * Challenge: Why would this be useful to Britain?
3. Which colony brought Britain the most money?

**Maths challenge!**

*Which colony brought Britain the most money per square mile?*

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| **Colony Name** | **Square Miles** | **Population** | **Annual Revenue (£)** |
| *United Kingdom* | *94,285* | *44,095,601* | *910,775,000* |
| Ascension | 34 | 200 | - |
| Australia | 2,974,600 | 5,510,229 | 64,897,046 |
| Bahamas | 4,404 | 53,000 | 470,987 |
| Barbados | 166 | 155,800 | 340,815 |
| Canada | 3,603,336 | 8,788,480 | 78,512,435 |
| Ceylon | 25,480 | 4,574,550 | 4,707,839 |
| Cyprus | 3,580 | 310,709 | 658,375 |
| Falkland Islands | 7,500 | 3,240 | 71,588 |
| Gibraltar | 2 | 17,160 | 249,133 |
| Guiana | 89,500 | 307,391 | 968,957 |
| India | 1,802,629 | 318,942,480 | 135,633,000 |
| Iraq | 143,250 | 2,849,280 | 3,437,000 |
| Irish Free State | 26,593 | 3,160,000 | 27,000,000 |
| Jamaica | 4,431 | 2,807,000 | 1,920,807 |
| Kenya | 246,800 | 2,807,000 | 2,979,000 |
| Mauritius | 809 | 385,000 | 2,678,000 |
| New Zealand | 103,568 | 1,250,940 | 26,250,000 |
| Nigeria | 336,700 | 18,500,000 | 4,876,746 |
| Rhodesia, Northern | 281,000 | 931,500 | 235,000 |
| Rhodesia, Southern | 149,000 | 806,600 | 1,485,000 |
| Sierra Leone | 31,660 | 1,541,311 | 638,315 |
| Somaliland | 68,000 | 300,000 | 80,270 |
| South Africa | 473,000 | 6,928,580 | 28,884,270 |
| St Helena | 47 | 3,600 | 7,000 |
| Uganda | 109,000 | 3,066,327 | 803,173 |
| Zanzibar | 1,020 | 200,000 | 455,773 |