**Worksheet: Colonisation in *The Tempest***

1. Define the word ‘colonisation’:
2. Can you list some of the reasons why Empires colonised other lands?
3. Can you name any of the countries Britain colonised?
4. A) If someone took over your home and started dictating to you in your own house, how would you feel?

B) Would you try and get ownership of your house back? How?

1. Do you think there is any justification for one country to colonise another? Explain your answer.

**Let’s read Caliban’s speech from Act 1 Scene 2.**

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| Line |  | Translate into modern English |
| 1 | This island’s mine by Sycorax, my mother, | This island is my inheritance from my mother Sycorax |
| 2 | Which thou tak’st from me. When thou cam’st first | Which you have stolen from me. |
| 3 | Thou strok’st me and made much of me; wouldst give me |  |
| 4 | Water with berries in’t, and teach me how |  |
| 5 | To name the bigger light and how the less |  |
| 6 | That burn by day and night. And then I loved thee |  |
| 7 | And showed the all the qualities o’th’ isle: |  |
| 8 | The fresh springs, brine pits, barren place and fertile. |  |
| 9 | Cursed be I that did so! All the charms |  |
| 10 | Of Sycorax—toads, beetles, bats—light on you, |  |
| 11 | For I am all the subjects that you have, |  |
| 12 | Which first was mine own king; and here you sty me |  |
| 13 | In this hard rock, whiles you do keep from me |  |
| 14 | The rest o’th’ island. |  |

1. What has occurred just prior to Caliban’s speech? And who is Caliban addressing?
2. Look at all the highlighted lines and identify what emotion Caliban is feeling? Explain why you have chosen those emotions.
3. Translate the speech into modern English.The first sentence has been done for you.
4. In lines 1-6, how did Prospero treat Caliban? How did this make Caliban feel?
5. In lines 6-8, what did Caliban do for Prospero?
6. After Caliban helped Prospero and familiarised him with the island, what did Prospero do? How does Caliban feel about this?
7. Do you think Prospero was being genuinely kind to Caliban? Or, like Caliban, do you believe his ulterior motive was to rule the island? Explain your answer.
8. How can Prospero be compared to his brother Alonso, in taking the island from Caliban?
9. How does this speech affect your view of Caliban and Prospero? Explain your answer.
10. Do you agree Caliban has more right to rule the island than Prospero? Does Ariel have any claim? Explain your answer.

**Extension Activity:**

Write a PEE(L) or PETAR paragraph answering the question below, use quotes from the speech above.

**Caliban is the rightful ruler of the island. Discuss.**