



# AB: Barbados: Becoming a republic

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Let's have a closer look at **Barbados**.  
In 2021, the people and government of Barbados made a historic decision: they wanted to become a **republic** and have their own head of state.



- ① What do you already know about Barbados and the British monarchy?  
Take notes.



*Butterfly Beach Barbados*



*Bridgetown*



*Rum Shop*





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② Now watch the video and work on the following tasks.



③ What important event happened at midnight in Barbados?

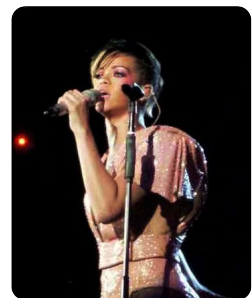
④ What happened to the Royal Standard flag?

⑤ Which star was declared a national hero?

- ☐ Dua Lipa
- ☐ Ariana Grande
- ☐ Rihanna

⑥ What did the new president say to her?

- ☐ May you be a good role model for the people of our country.
- ☐ May you continue to shine like a diamond and bring honor to your nation.
- ☐ May you stay strong, free and independent.



Listen to the **song** the president referred to 🎵

⑦ Use the words in the box to complete the sentences.

republic – president – slavery – hero – movement

1. Barbados became a [ ] in 2021.
2. Sandra Prunella Mason became the 3. country's first [ ].
3. Prince Charles talked about Britain's role in [ ].
4. Rihanna was named a national [ ] of Barbados.
5. The Black Lives Matter [ ] inspired other Caribbean countries to discuss change.





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## Optional Task: Learn more about Barbados and its history

Hier kannst du - wenn du möchtest - mehr darüber erfahren, wie die Menschen auf Barbados heute mit ihrer kolonialen Vergangenheit und der Geschichte der Sklaverei umgehen.

Do you want to learn more about how people in Barbados deal with their colonial past and history of slavery today?

Then watch this video. It tells the story of **Drax Hall**, a big sugar plantation that once belonged to James Drax.

He was one of the first plantation owners in Barbados and a pioneer of slavery in the Caribbean. The Drax family still owns the plantation today, and the video shows how people in Barbados feel about that.

 **Tip:** Turn on the **subtitles** while watching.



[Calls for Drax Hall to be opened to public](#)

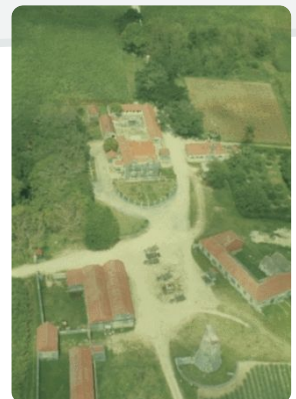
### Language support

**plantation** – große Farm, auf der versklavte Menschen arbeiten mussten  
**sugar** – Zucker, wichtigstes Produkt der Plantagen  
**ancestors** – Vorfahren, Menschen aus früheren Generationen  
**enslaved people** – versklavte Menschen  
**slave trade** – Sklavenhandel  
**owner** – Besitzer, Plantagenbesitzer  
**to work / to toil** – arbeiten, hart arbeiten  
**burial ground** – Begräbnisstätte  
**records** – Aufzeichnungen, Dokumente  
**colonial past** – koloniale Vergangenheit, Zeit der britischen Herrschaft

**still owned (by the same family)** – immer noch im Besitz derselben Familie  
**private property** – Privatbesitz, nicht öffentlich zugänglich  
**open to the public** – für die Öffentlichkeit zugänglich  
**reparations** – Wiedergutmachung, Entschädigung für vergangenes Unrecht  
**responsibility** – Verantwortung  
**justice** – Gerechtigkeit  
**shame / guilt** – Scham, Schuldgefühl  
**memory / reflection** – Erinnerung, Nachdenken über die Vergangenheit  
**healing** – Heilung, Frieden mit der Vergangenheit finden



Drax Hall estate



Drax Hall plantation area

