Britain's Empire: Resistance, Repression, and Revolt

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Forms of Resistance

There were many different forms of resistance to British rule. Some people resisted through armed rebellion, while others used nonviolent methods such as boycotts and strikes. Some people resisted by refusing to cooperate with British authorities, while others worked to create their own independent governments.

One of the most famous examples of armed resistance to British rule was the Indian Rebellion of 1857. This rebellion was led by Indian sepoys (soldiers) who were angry about being forced to fight in a war against Persia. The rebellion spread quickly throughout India, and it took the British several months to put it down.

Nonviolent resistance to British rule was also common. In India, for example, Mahatma Gandhi led a campaign of nonviolent civil disobedience against British rule. Gandhi's campaign was successful in forcing the British to grant India independence in 1947.

British Government's Response

The British government responded to resistance to its rule in a variety of ways. Sometimes, the British used military force to suppress rebellions. Other times, they used economic sanctions or political concessions to appease those who were resisting.

In some cases, the British government was willing to negotiate with those who were resisting. For example, the British government negotiated with the Irish nationalists in the early 20th century to grant Ireland home rule.

However, in other cases, the British government was unwilling to compromise. For example, the British government refused to grant independence to India until 1947.

Decline of the Empire

The British Empire began to decline in the early 20th century. This decline was due to a number of factors, including the rise of nationalism in the

colonies, the increasing cost of maintaining the empire, and the growing power of other countries such as the United States and Germany.

After World War II, the British Empire began to rapidly decline. Many of the colonies gained their independence, and the British government was no longer able to afford to maintain its control over the empire.

By the end of the 20th century, the British Empire had all but disappeared. Only a few small islands and territories remained under British control.

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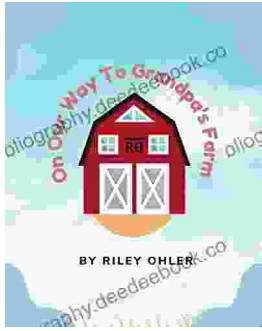
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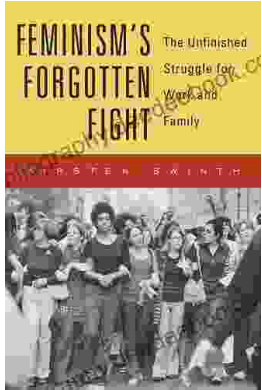|	
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