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In 1963, Singapore merged with the Federation of Malaya alongside Sabah and Sarawak to form Malaysia. This marked the end of a 144-year period of British rule in Singapore.

Major racial riots broke out in 1964 in Singapore. As a result of this, the Malaysian Prime Minister expelled Singapore from the Federation, leading to the Independence of Singapore on 9 August 1965.

Despite a lot of hardship in our first few decades, Singapore progressed and prospered to become the country we are proud of today.