

India since independence

1. Read section 1 ["Politics of India"] from the reading "Independent India" and answer the following questions in your notebook:
 - A. What problems faced India immediately after independence?
 - B. What political systems and philosophies influenced the creation of the Indian constitution?
 - C. How is the government of India a federation?
 - D. What role does the village play in Indian political life? Why is the **panchayat** the most important unit of government on the local level?
 - E. How did the Indian government solve the voter problem of widespread illiteracy?
 - F. Why was **Jawaharlal Nehru** such a dominant political figure?
 - G. What role did **Indira Gandhi** play in her father's government?
 - H. What were the provisions of the 1975 **Proclamation of Emergency under Article 352** of the Indian constitution? Why did it lead to the political defeat of Indira Gandhi?
 - I. How did the suppression of Sikh separatists in the early 1980s affect the Gandhi family?
 - J. What are the causes of Hindu-Muslim violence in India?
 - K. Identify the major separatist movements in India.
 - L. Why did **Rajiv Gandhi** lose his position as India's Prime Minister in the late 1980s?

2. Read section 4 ["India's Place in the World Order"] from the reading "Independent India" and answer the following questions in your notebook:
 - A. How did the nations of the world align themselves after World War II? With what bloc did India align itself? Why?
 - B. How and why did India's foreign policy reflect her political position as a foe of imperialism around the world?
 - C. Why is the control of the state of **Kashmir** disputed by both India and Pakistan?
 - D. Create a chart that briefly lists the causes and results of the 1965 and 1971 wars between India and Pakistan.
 - E. How did **Bangladesh** emerge as an independent nation?
 - F. What problems exist in the relationship between India and China?
 - G. Why was India friendlier to the Soviet Union during the Cold War era, even though she claimed to be part of the non-aligned bloc of nations?
 - H. What actions has India taken to show that it regards itself as a protector of other nations in South Asia?
 - I. What is the state of the political relationship between India and the United States today? between Pakistan and the United States today?

Terms / People To Know

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| ♦ democratic federal republic | ♦ Indira Gandhi | ♦ Rajiv Gandhi |
| ♦ Congress Party | ♦ non-alignment | ♦ Kashmir |
| ♦ Jawaharlal Nehru | ♦ "Green Revolution" | ♦ buffer zone |
| ♦ mixed economy | ♦ Golden Temple at Amritsar | ♦ plebiscite |
| ♦ state socialism | ♦ Tamils | ♦ Sino-Indian War of 1971 |
| ♦ Five-Year Plan | ♦ Proclamation of Emergency Under Article 352 | |