

## the "jewel in the crown" – the british raj

1. Read Sections **A** and **B** of the reading, "The British Raj," and answer the following questions in your notebook:
  - A. Why were Europeans willing to pay such high prices for spices?
  - B. How did the Turkish capture of Constantinople in 1453 make it very difficult for the Italian traders to continue their business?
  - C. Who were the first Europeans to arrive in India and set up permanent settlements there? What products did they have a monopoly over in the Indian Ocean trade?
  - D. What role did the **British East India Company** play in 17c India?
  - E. Where did the French East India Company trade in India?
  - F. Who were the **sepoys**?
  - G. Who was **Robert Clive**? What role did he play in the expansion of British power in 18c India?
  - H. Why was the 1757 **Battle of Plessy** important to the history of British rule in India?
  - I. Why did the British succeed in India, where the French ultimately did not?
  - J. How was the governorship of Lord Cornwallis different from his predecessors?
  - K. What additional government reforms were introduced by Lord Bentinck in India during the early 19c?
  - L. How did Lord Dalhousie's term of office as governor of the British East India Company bring modern Western technology and create a more complex infrastructure in India?
  
2. Read Sections **C** and **D** of the reading, "The British Raj," and answer the following questions in your notebook:
  - A. What were the major causes of the **Great Indian Mutiny of 1857**? What were the results?
  - B. Why do you think that the Indians called it the "First War of Indian Independence?"
  - C. How did the 1858 **Act for the Better Government of India** change the relationships that the British government had with the subcontinent?
  - D. Who was the head of the British government in India after 1876?
  - E. What positions did native Indians hold in the new colonial government?
  - F. Make a BRIEF list of the benefits of British rule in India.
  - G. What were the major limitations of British rule in India?

### Terms / People To Know

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| ◆ Vasco da Gama            | ◆ <i>nawab</i>                | ◆ viceroy               |
| ◆ monopoly                 | ◆ "divide-and-conquer" policy | ◆ civil service         |
| ◆ British East India Co.   | ◆ <i>suttee</i>               | ◆ <i>Pax Britannica</i> |
| ◆ <i>sepoy</i>             | ◆ <i>thuggee</i>              | ◆ <i>zamindar</i>       |
| ◆ Robert Clive             | ◆ infanticide                 | ◆ indirect rule         |
| ◆ Battle of Plassey [1757] | ◆ Sepoy Mutiny [1857]         |                         |