

Dear Block 3B Students,

I am so sorry to be gone again for this block. I scheduled this field trip specifically so I would not miss another B day, but our snow day last week changed the schedule. The information in this video is very important today, that's why I have put so many questions on the packet. Please hand-in the entire packet, along with your Cs and Qs you did for homework, at the end of class today. I will be reading them before our next class so I have a sense of what you have, and have not, understood while I was gone. Yes, they will both be graded. No, you may not complete them at home. If you have questions or need help, please come see me after school tomorrow (Tuesday) and we will look at your packet together. I will also have your tests to hand back on Wednesday so we will discuss them then.

Partition: The Day India Burned

Video can be found online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZS40U5yFpc> Answer all the questions COMPLETELY while you watch the movie.

Day 1 – The Cabinet Mission

(0:00-12:44)

1. What was Lahore like before Partition? How is it being described in the beginning of the documentary?
2. What was life like for the British in India before Partition?
3. What change came about in 1946 for Britain?
4. Who were India's Independence leaders and what did they want?
5. What were relations like between Hindus and Muslims in Lahore?
6. What was the purpose of the Cabinet Mission?

Day 2 – Riots in Calcutta

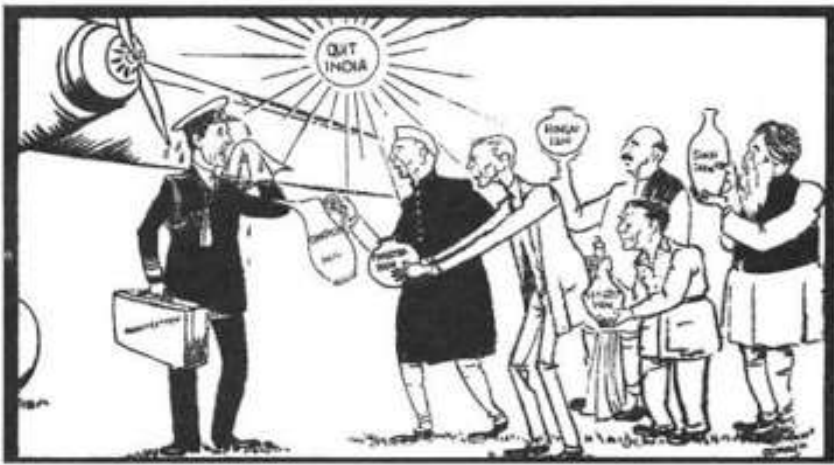
(12:45 – 21:54)

1. What happened in Calcutta on August 16, 1946? (How did it start? Who was involved? What was the result?)

2. How did the British respond to the violence?

3. What was Gandhi's response after the riots? What did he do?

4. How was Gandhi perceived by Muslims and Hindus at this point?

 <p>Fig. 11. "Hail and Welcome," <i>Leader</i>, 24 March 1947.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the cartoon represent any major players?• Why is Lord Mountbatten sweating?• What is being offered to him? By whom?• Is there a significance to the order of how people are standing?
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Day 3 – Finding a Solution with Mountbatten

(22:00 -42:30)

1. Who was Lord Mountbatten? What was his purpose?

2. What was life like for the British Viceroy?

3. How was Mountbatten different from previous viceroys?

4. Was Mountbatten successful in his negotiations with Nehru and Jinnah?

5. Why were tensions rising in the Punjab?

6. What did the Sikhs in the region do as these tensions were rising?

7. What affect did the violence have on the work of politicians working on a plan for Independence?

8. What shocking change did Mountbatten make once the plan for Independence had been settled?

9. What effect would this have?



Fig. 13. "Fulfilment of a Mission?", *Pioneer*, 13 July 1947.

- What do each of the animals represent?
- What is the significance of the choice of animal for each group?
- What is the expression on the lion's face?
- How does the cartoon portray the Muslims and Hindu's?
- How does the cartoon portray the British?
- Who seems to be the victim in this cartoon?

Day 4 – Division and Violence

(43:00 - 1:00:00)

1. Who was brought in to decide on the line of partition between India and Pakistan?' Was he qualified?
2. On what basis did he draw the lines of division?
3. What would happen in the princely states?
4. How did the partitioning of the region lead to killing spree?
5. What else about this section do you think needs to be remembered and why?



"Sawing through a woman", *Pioneer* July 8, 1947.

- Does the cartoon represent the major players? How?
- Can you tell anything about their emotions?
- Who is in the Upper Right Corner?
- What is he worried about?
- Are the Indian people represented?
- Does it show an understanding of the complexities of Partition?
- Does the cartoon make the Partition division look even and equal?
- Does the cartoon make Partition look easy?
- Does the cartoon represent the perspective of one side or the other?

Day 5 – Mobilization

(1:00:00 - 1:29:29)

1. When did Cyril Radcliff finish determining the boundaries of India and Pakistan?
2. When did Mountbatten plan to release the new borders? Why?
3. What was the effect?
4. How did Radcliff feel about his work?
5. What was the atmosphere on the day on Independence in India and Pakistan?
6. What was Gandhi's opinion of Partition?
7. What happened to Hindus and Sikhs on the Pakistan side of border?
8. What happened to Muslims on the Indians side of the border?
9. How did people move to the "right" side of the border?
10. What dangers awaited the refugees? What protection did they have?
12. What were some of the problems that were faced during the move?

13. What did Edwina Mountbatten do during Partition?

14. How was Nehru received in the camps he visited?

15. What happened to Lahore after partition?



Cartoonist Leslie Illingworth's
(courtesy - cartoons.ac.uk; Published - Daily Mail, 20 May 1947)

- ✓ What major figures are represented in this cartoon?
- ✓ What do you learn from their expressions?
- ✓ Who is the big guy on the right?
- ✓ What is he doing in the cartoon?
- ✓ What does his sign mean?
- ✓ Where are the British?
- ✓ What is happening around the leaders?
- ✓ Where are the Indian People?
- ✓ What is the cartoonist's message?