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Background questions to understand the history and relationship between India and Great Britain.

To the right of the title, The Story of India, *click* on the pink rectangle, titled, photo gallery.

Click on box 21, Colonization. Click, Explore the Topic.

Click British East India Company

1. What was the BEIC and what was its purpose?
2. List, who else, besides England, had economic interests in India?
3. List at least 3 different things the BEIC did in India.
4. What year did the BEIC lose control over governing Indian affairs? Who gained control of India? Why did this happen?

Click Great Rebellion of 1857.

5. List the other names for the Great Rebellion of 1857.
6. In your own words, what caused the Great Rebellion? Give a thorough and complete response.
7. List the two major religions in India.
8. What was Queen Victoria's new role in India?

Go back to Explore the Topic and click on British Raj.

9. What is the Raj? When did it start, when did it end?
10. What territory did it control? How many people did it control?
11. What benefits did the Raj bring to India? What problems did the Raj bring to/cause in India?
12. What was the role of the Indian National Congress?

Click on box 24, Partition and Independence.

13. In your own words, how did India gain its independence?
14. What was the challenge in Indian independence?
15. How was it resolved?
16. What were the effects of this resolution?

Click box 20, click Explore the Topic, Click Discussion Questions, answer them in this document.

Choose any 3 Topics from the photo gallery. Answer the Discussion Questions for each. To do this you will need to Explore the topic, you will probably need to click on links within the Explore the Topic box.

Reflection for class discussion, why, in light of our unit on Imperialism, why is it important, what is the value, in “exploring” aspects of Indian culture and life?