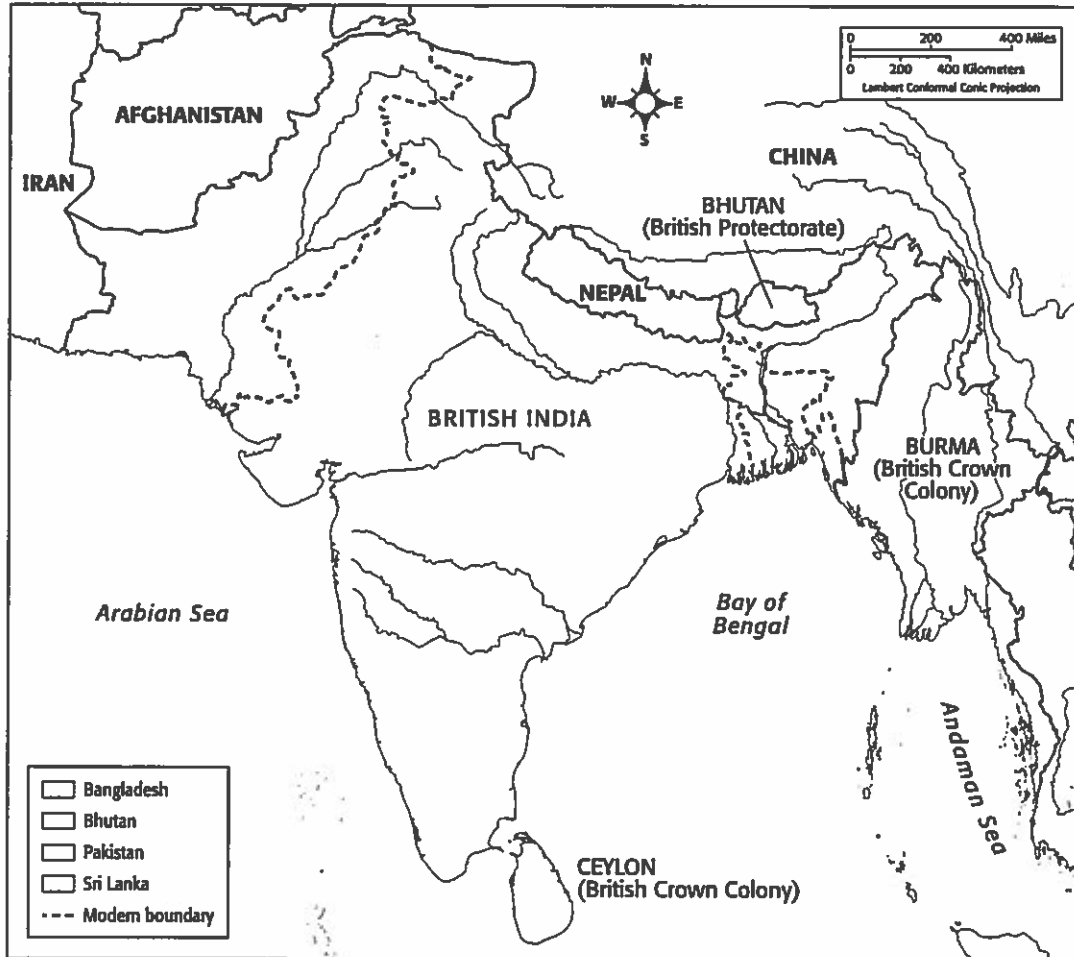


Decolonization and Division

Britain claimed much of the Indian subcontinent as colonies for many years. Other countries, such as France and Portugal, ruled smaller areas. Much of India was ruled by the British until 1947.



MAP ACTIVITY

1. The country of Pakistan was partitioned from India in 1947. At the time it included lands that are now Pakistan and Bangladesh. Use a green pencil or marker to show present-day Pakistan.
2. Use a red pencil or marker to show present-day Bangladesh, which became an independent country in 1971.
3. Use an orange pencil or marker to show Sri Lanka, which became independent in 1948. Add a label for Sri Lanka to the map.

4. Use a blue pencil or marker to show present-day Bhutan, which became independent in 1949.
5. Update the map legend to reflect the colors you added to the map.

ANALYZING MAPS

1. Movement When the British partitioned India in 1947, millions of Hindus rushed into India and millions of Muslims rushed into Pakistan. Which direction did each group travel?

2. Making Inferences Why would it be hard to divide a country based on religion?

3. Sequencing List Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka in the order they became independent.

4. Location Why might location have played a role in the split between Pakistan and Bangladesh?

5. Regions Based on the map, identify one way Nepal is unique in the region.

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ANALYZING LITERATURE

1. Each man only feels one part of the elephant. No one gets a sense of the elephant as a whole.
2. It is easy to have misconceptions, or be wrong, when one doesn't have the full picture, or all the evidence.

ACTIVITY

Students' descriptions will vary, based on what they chose to describe. Each description should include several parts, focusing on one small part at a time.

Primary Source

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

1. Gandhi wanted Indians to use nonviolent methods to gain independence, saying it was the best way to ensure true freedom.
2. He asks them to think of themselves as Indian, not to divide themselves by religion or other groups.

History and Geography

MAP ACTIVITY

1. The area that is now Pakistan should be colored green.
2. The area that is now Bangladesh should be colored red.
3. The island that is now Sri Lanka should be colored orange, and have the correct label.
4. The area that is now Bhutan should be colored blue.
5. Students' map legends should accurately reflect the colors added to their maps.

ANALYZING MAPS

1. Hindus generally moved southeast or southwest (out of Pakistan). Muslims generally moved northwest or northeast (out of India).
2. possible answer—While people may settle near others of the same religion, religious groups often live in the same area. Any division would most likely have people of another religion within it.

3. Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Bangladesh
4. possible answer—The two regions of the country were far apart and separated by India, which likely made it hard to govern.
5. possible answer—Unlike the other countries that were formed from India on and after 1947, Nepal was already an independent country.

Social Studies Skills

PRACTICE THE SKILL

1. about 1 inch; about 9 inches
2. July, August, September
3. Similar—Both cities get the most precipitation around the middle of the year. Different—Lahore gets much less precipitation than Dhaka. Lahore has a longer period of time with little precipitation, while Dhaka has a longer period of time with lots of precipitation.

Geography for Life

1. highest—Chittagong; lowest—Karachi
2. July; Colombo has two peak rainy periods each year
3. monsoons
4. receives significant year-round precipitation
5. Colombo; much lower; receive Sun's direct rays year-round
6. Kathmandu; higher elevation, furthest north, most inland
7. Kathmandu, Karachi, Chittagong, Colombo; high elevations, distance from oceans, influence of high and low pressure systems
8. Karachi, semiarid; Chittagong, tropical wet; Kathmandu, highlands, humid subtropical; Colombo, humid subtropical, tropical wet

Critical Thinking

1. *Monsoon* comes from the Arabic word for "season". It's appropriate because wind patterns vary from season to season.

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