

Social Studies 8

Viewing Guide: Legacy: India - The Empire of the Spirit

1. The film begins with scenes of the largest gathering of people in human history - about 20 million people in one place. What are they there for?
  
2. How long were the British in India?
3. What is Sanskrit?
4. What is the Rig Veda?
  
5. What was discovered in the desert of Sind, at Mohenjo Daro, in the 1920's. Why is it still so mysterious?
  
  
6. What kinds of jobs do the untouchable caste do?
  
  
7. What kinds of stories are found in the Mahabaratta?
  
  
  
8. How are Western religions, like Christianity and Islam, different from Hinduism?
  
  
  
  
  
9. According to Buddha, how can people escape suffering?
  
  
  
  
  
10. Why was the 6th century B.C. a very special time in history?
  
  
  
  
  
11. Why is the Khyber Pass important in history?

12. Why did the Maurya capital at Patna so impress the Ancient Greek ambassador who came to deal with the emperor Asoka?
13. What conclusion did Asoka come to about warfare and the use of violence?
14. What did other civilizations trade with India to get?
15. Why have many Hindus resented the Muslim presence in India?
16. Who were the Moghuls?
17. Why was Akbar a great ruler?
18. What part of India do the Tamils live in?
19. What European country came to dominate and rule India?
20. Who was Jawaharlal Nehru?
21. What does Michael Woods mean when he says that "we may know our ends by our beginnings"? Do you agree?