

REQUIRED RESOURCE CENTER PROJECTS FOR STUDENTS TAKING
INDIA - COURSE #216

The following projects will become part of your requirement to achieve mastery in this course. Your instructor will inform you as to the number of projects that will be submitted. All the books and magazines listed can be found in the Social Studies Resource Center. It is your responsibility to make use of these materials and to submit your work on time.

- Pick one out before Due date
1. American youth have been attracted to Eastern Religions. Read pgs. 71-77 in Wolly's The Asians: Their Heritage and Their Destiny, and write an informative essay based on the following questions:
 - a. What are the major principles of Buddhism?
 - b. Why are youth today looking toward Eastern Religions?
 - c. To what extent would the principles of Buddhism be accepted by youth today?
 2. Women's liberation has become a force for change in American society. Read pgs. 95-107 in The Asians by Thomas Wolly and write a comparative essay based on the following questions:
 - a. India has the basis for a Women's Liberation movement. Would you agree with this statement?
 - b. Write a list of demands that might possibly be written on the Indian Woman's Liberation Movement.
 3. Read pgs. 41-43 and 47-52 in India by Hyman Kublen. Write an essay based on the following questions:

- a. What role does the story teller fill in the lives of Indian villagers?
- b. What is the moral of the kidnapping of Sita?
- c. What generalizations can be made about Indian literature from the two selected readings? How does it compare with American literature?

4. Read pgs. 351-364; The Politics of Development in West and Non West by Vera M. Dean. Write a comparative essay based on the following questions:
 - a. According to the author what separates the rich nations and the poor nations?
 - b. What are the major factors leading to the political development of newly emerging nations?
 - c. To what extent does the model supplied by Barbara Ward compare with the political development in India? Use classroom text for your comparison.

5. Read W. W. Rostow's The Stages of Economic Development in West and Non West by V. M. Dean. Write an essay based on the following questions:
 - a. List the 5 stages of economic development.
 - b. Which stage is India presently going through? Give specific details explaining why India is going through the stage.
 - c. Will India be able to achieve the age of high mass-consumption?

6. "In India the present lives side by side with the past". Write an informative essay comparing the past and present influences upon India. Read pgs. 82-92, 132-142 in The Story of India by Farah.

7. The geography of India has created many Indias. Read pgs. 17-26 in India by Hyman Kublen. Write an informative essay based on these questions:
 - a. Why is India geographically considered many Indias?
 - b. What regional differences exist in India? How can these be explained?
 - c. How have the Indians adapted to the geographical environment?

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8. Read pps. 77-81 in Kubler's India - Selected Readings. Write an informative essay based on the following questions:
- How does the economy of a village family in India depend on its cow?
 - In what ways does Hindu kindness toward animals interfere with efficient farm practices?
9. Read pps. 81-85 in Kubler's India - Selected Readings. Write a comparative essay dealing with the following: Contrast and compare Indian and American marriage customs. What do you see as the advantages and disadvantages of each?
10. Read pps. 157, 159, 160, 162, 165 in India and Southeast Asia by Ethel E. Ewing. Noting photographs of Indian sculpture, write an interpretative essay on these art forms. Use the following questions as your guide:
- What do you see in these photographs?
 - What significance do these art forms have in the Indian heritage?
 - Are these art forms a good representation of Indian Art?
11. Read pps. 169-180 in India and Southeast Asia by Ethel E. Ewing and write an essay showing your agreement or disagreement with the following statement: "The caste system discourages political revolutions and encourages social stability."
12. Jawaharlal Nehru wrote, "...nearly all our major problems today have grown up during British rule and as a direct result of British policy." Read pps. 185-201 in India and Southeast Asia by Ethel E. Ewing. Write an informative essay evaluating the above statement by Nehru. Use the following questions to help guide your essay:
- Is the Nehru statement fair?
 - Was the Indian Nationalist movement a response to British rule in India?
13. Read pps. ⁴⁶⁻⁵³~~41-55~~ in India A Cultural Area in Perspective by L.S. Stravianos. Write an interpretative essay based on the following questions:
- "The Indian population is doomed to poverty". Would you agree with this statement?
 - What factors contribute to India's poverty?
 - How has the government five-year plans attempted to overcome poverty in India?
14. Read pps. 185-189 in India - Selected Readings by Hyman Kublin. Write an essay based on the following questions:
- Why are young men in a hurry in India?
 - How do the young come into conflict with the old in India?
 - Will the young be able to change India?
15. In the vertical file which can be found in the resource center read the article "An Indian Expatriate rediscovers India." Write an essay on "Has anything changed in India in the past 15 years". Be sure to discuss such areas as employment, poverty and the caste system.
16. In the vertical file which can be found in the resource center, read the article "Untouchability exists despite 40 years of Opposition". Write an informative essay based on the following questions:
- Why has untouchability basically remained unchanged over the years?
 - What attempts has the government made to improve the conditions of the untouchables?
 - Will they be successful?
 - How does the newspaper account compare with the account in India: Selected Readings by Hyman Kublin, pps. 189-193.

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