

# The Great Uprising of 1857

Chapter 8: The Great Uprising of 1857 · Topic 1

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## Key Concept

The uprising began when Indian soldiers (sepoys) in the British army rebelled, partly triggered by rumours about greased cartridges offending religious beliefs.

The rebellion quickly spread beyond soldiers to involve various Indian rulers, landlords, and common people angry at British policies and rule.

Despite initial successes, the British eventually suppressed the uprising, leading to significant changes in how India was governed.

After 1857, the British Crown took direct control of India from the East India Company, beginning the period known as the British Raj.

## Quick Revision Notes

- The uprising began with sepoy soldiers rebelling.
- Greased cartridges rumours triggered the rebellion.
- It spread to rulers, landlords and common people.
- People were angry at British policies.
- The British eventually suppressed the uprising.
- This led to major governance changes.
- The Crown took direct control after 1857.
- This began the British Raj period.

## Practice Questions

- 1 Research the causes of the 1857 uprising.
- 2 Discuss the role of sepoy soldiers.
- 3 Research a leader of the 1857 uprising.
- 4 Explain what changed in governance after 1857.
- 5 Discuss why 1857 is called the First War of Independence by some.
- 6 Create a timeline of the 1857 uprising's key events.