

India Gains Independence

Chapter 12: India Gains Independence · Topic 1

Key Concept

After World War II, the British, weakened and facing mounting pressure, agreed to grant India independence, ending nearly 200 years of colonial rule.

India's independence was accompanied by the partition of British India into two nations: India and Pakistan, based on religious demographics.

The partition led to massive population transfers and unfortunately significant communal violence, causing immense suffering for millions.

August 15, 1947, is celebrated as India's Independence Day, marking the end of British rule and the beginning of self-governance.

Quick Revision Notes

- Post-WWII, weakened Britain granted independence.
- This ended ~200 years of colonial rule.
- Independence accompanied by partition.
- India and Pakistan formed based on religion.
- Partition led to massive population transfers.
- Also significant communal violence occurred.
- This caused immense suffering.
- August 15, 1947: India's Independence Day.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the events leading to India's independence.
- 2 Discuss the partition and its effects.
- 3 Research the significance of August 15, 1947.
- 4 Discuss the human cost of partition.
- 5 Draw a timeline of the path to independence.
- 6 Explain why independence came with partition.