

The Revolt of 1857 and After

Chapter 1: The Revolt of 1857 and After · Topic 1

Key Concept

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Despite initial successes, British forces eventually suppressed the revolt through superior organisation, weaponry, and reinforcements.

After the revolt, the British Crown took direct control from the East India Company through the Government of India Act of 1858.

This period marked the beginning of the British Raj, with significant changes in administrative policy toward Indian princes and society.

Quick Revision Notes

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- The Crown took direct control after 1857.
- This was through the Government of India Act 1858.
- This began the British Raj period.
- Administrative policy toward princes and society changed.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research the causes of the 1857 revolt.
- 2 Discuss the role of sepoy soldiers.
- 3 Research a leader of the 1857 revolt.
- 4 Explain what changed in governance after 1857.
- 5 Discuss why 1857 is significant.
- 6 Create a timeline of the revolt's key events.