



IN CINEMAS 3RD MARCH

VICEROY'S HOUSE

EMPIRE AND INDEPENDENCE

#VICEROYSHOUSE



#UKINDIA2017

70 YEARS AGO...

In 1947 India was on the brink of immense change. **Lord Mountbatten**, the last Viceroy of India, was to be key in the events throughout India's last months as a British colony. These crucial months of negotiations and debates with Jinnah, Nehru, Gandhi and the British Government resulted in the independence of India and the founding of Pakistan.

This became known as the **partition** of India, and had far-reaching consequences for Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims alike.

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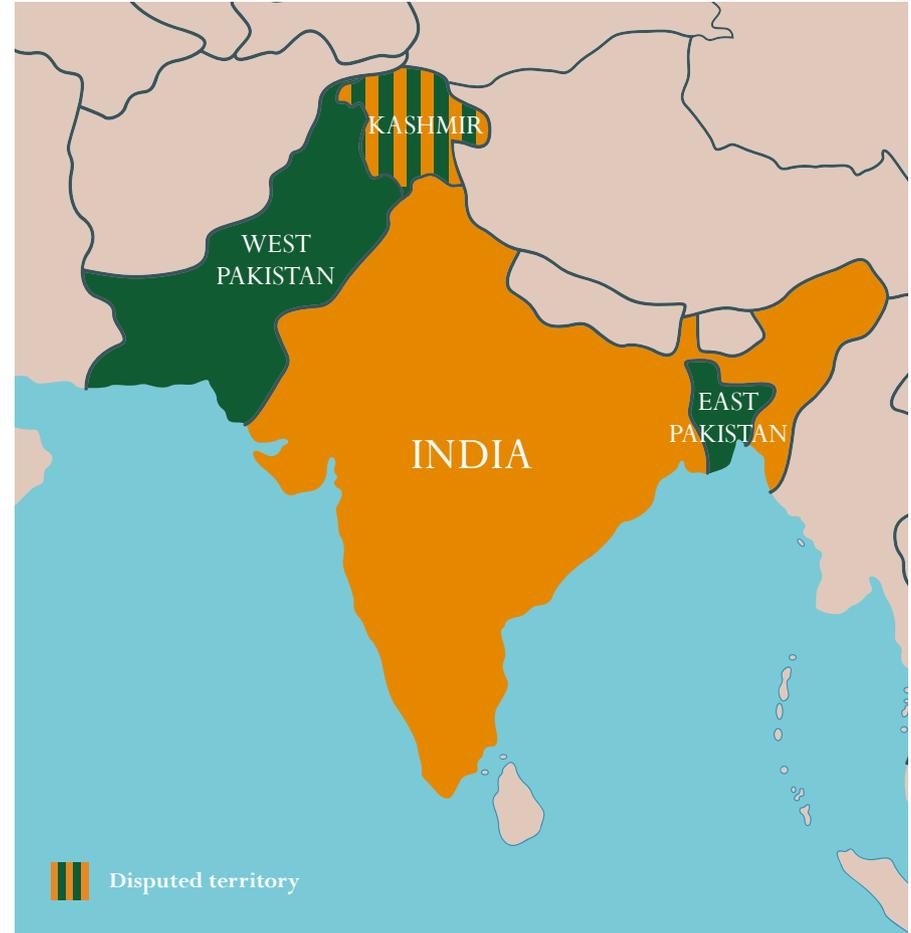
Viceroy's House, directed by Gurinder Chadha, tells the remarkable true story of partition in the setting of Mountbatten's residence in India. Upstairs the difficult political negotiations take place with Nehru, Jinnah, Gandhi and the British government. While downstairs the social impact of the divide is reflected through the eyes of a young Hindu, Jeet, and a Muslim, Aalia, whose relationship is forbidden.

Starring Hugh Bonneville, Gillian Anderson, Manish Dayal, Huma Qureshi and Michael Gambon, *Viceroy's House* hits cinemas on 3rd March 2017, just in time for the UK-wide commemorations of the 70th anniversary of India's independence and the founding of Pakistan.

WHAT CAN YOU INFER ABOUT THESE EVENTS FROM THE MAP?



India before 15th August 1947



India after 15th August 1947

*Please note that East Pakistan became Bangladesh in 1971.

WHAT CAN YOU INFER ABOUT THESE EVENTS FROM THE FILM STILL?



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Watch the trailer for *Viceroy's House* carefully. Listen specifically for reasons WHY India might have been partitioned?



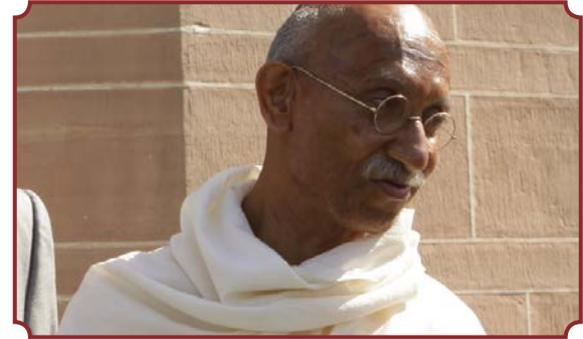
JINNAH



NEHRU



GANDHI



FOR

AGAINST

WHY WAS INDIA PARTITIONED?

1. Read through the blurb from *Freedom at Midnight* and *The Shadow of the Great Game*.
2. Then cut out the **Quote cards** and read them carefully. Sort them into two piles – ‘For partition’ and ‘Against partition’.
3. Using evidence from the quote cards and the book jackets, imagine you’re Mountbatten. Explain in just 60 seconds why you decided to partition India.

STRETCH AND CHALLENGE TASK: BE A HISTORY DETECTIVE!

There is a scene in the film that suggests that Churchill had agreed to a separate Muslim state with Jinnah during WW2.

Research the secret deal with Jinnah during WW2.

- What did this mean for the events following the war?
- What did the US and the emerging Cold War have to do with it?
- Is there enough evidence for this theory?

INTERPRETATIONS

Watch the interview with the film's director, Gurinder Chadha and listen carefully to what she says about Mountbatten.



INTERPRETATIONS



Use the **Interpretations sheet** to find evidence for the interpretations below.

INTERPRETATION 1

Lord Mountbatten and the British government rushed the plans for partition and only protected their own interests.

INTERPRETATION 2

Lord Mountbatten and the British government did everything they could to transfer power as best they could.

Which interpretation do you agree with? Justify your answer using evidence from what you have learned in this lesson.

SHARE THE MESSAGE

COMMEMORATE THE BIRTH OF TWO NATIONS 70 YEARS ON.

In small groups or as a class, create a presentation or class display for the rest of your school community.

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE

- The arguments at the time for and against partition as represented by different characters in the film eg Lady and Lord Mountbatten, Nehru, Jinnah and Gandhi
- Why partition did eventually happen
- Why 2017 is an important year for India and Pakistan.

WE CAN CHANGE A LOT



CONSEQUENCES

What was the legacy left by the British? What **might** be the consequences of the partition of India and the end of the British empire?

Over the next few slides are some of the consequences. As a class, decide whether each is 'positive', 'negative' or 'neutral'.

You could also decide upon what category they fit into: economic, social, political or environmental.

INDIA NOW HAS ONE OF THE FASTEST
GROWING ECONOMIES IN THE WORLD.



**THE BRITISH EMPIRE HELPED TO BUILD RAILWAYS AND
UNIVERSITIES IN INDIA DURING THE COURSE OF THE RAJ.**

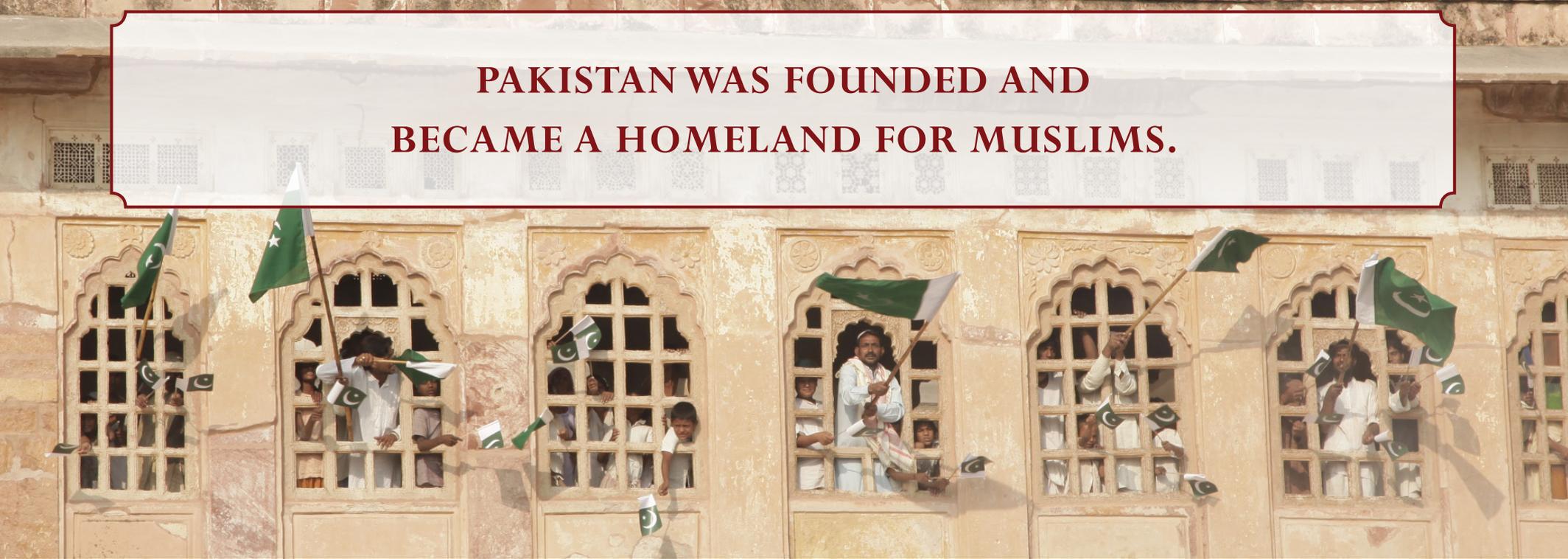




**THE PARTITION OF INDIA CAUSED THE
LARGEST MIGRATION OF PEOPLE IN HISTORY
– OVER 14 MILLION INDIANS WERE DISPLACED.**



**PAKISTAN WAS FOUNDED AND
BECAME A HOMELAND FOR MUSLIMS.**





**PAKISTAN WAS SPLIT INTO EAST AND WEST PAKISTAN.
FOLLOWING A BLOODY CIVIL WAR IN 1971, EAST PAKISTAN
GAINED INDEPENDENCE FROM WEST PAKISTAN AND
BECAME BANGLADESH.**



**BRITAIN HAD LOST MOST OF ITS OVERSEAS TERRITORY
BY THE MID-1960s. THIS WAS IN PART DUE TO ECONOMIC
REASONS AND THE HIGH COST OF WORLD WAR 2.**

IN 1948, CEYLON (NOW SRI LANKA) WAS ALSO GRANTED ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITAIN.



**SRI LANKA
(Ceylon)**

**THE CURRENT GDP'S FOR INDIA,
PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH AND THE UK ARE:**

COUNTRY	GDP/capita in US \$
BANGLADESH	\$1,211.70
INDIA	\$1,598.30
PAKISTAN	\$1,434.70
UK	\$43,876.00

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOUR WORK!



Take a picture of your display or presentation and tweet it using the hashtags #UKIndia2017 and #ViceroysHouse