

Enquiry How did the Indian react Question: to British Rule?

LESSON TITLE:

The Indian Mutiny 1857

THE PURPOSE OF THIS
LESSON IS TO:
FIND OUT HOW THE
NATIVE INDIANS'
REACTED TO THE
BRITISH TAKEOVER OF
INDIA AND HOW THIS
REACTION TURNED TO A
REBELLION

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Describe the events of the Indian Mutiny and how it happened (L4)
- Explain the causes of the Indian Mutiny (L5)
- Analyse any links between the reasons for the Indian Mutiny (L6)

Starter

Can you think of one or two things that define you as a person (your beliefs and values).

e.g. Miss Harris = vegetarian

India

Hints:

- What did India offer Britain? What were the main goods?
- Was there a big company in India?
- What role did the company play?
- How did the British people treat the Indian people?

What can you remember about India in the British Empire?

East India Company



- India brought a lot of _____ to the British Empire. This was through its _____.
- The East India Company was set up in the 1600s. It became so important in India that it started to _____ India for _____.
- It was so important that it had its own _____, which it spent a lot of _____ on.

Wealth

Money

Britain

Trade

Rule

Army

Indian Mutiny

- The Bengal Army had fought faithfully for Britain BUT it was on the British terms e.g. they would not go overseas.
- In 1857 large parts of the Bengal Army rebelled against the British.
- They shot British Officers and marched to Delhi.
- This encouraged other Indian people to rebel against British rule in India.
- This resulted in many British and Indian deaths.



What caused the Mutiny?

What did the British do in India that the native people did not like?

- What traditions did the British get rid of? Was this good or bad?

Think back to the things that define you:

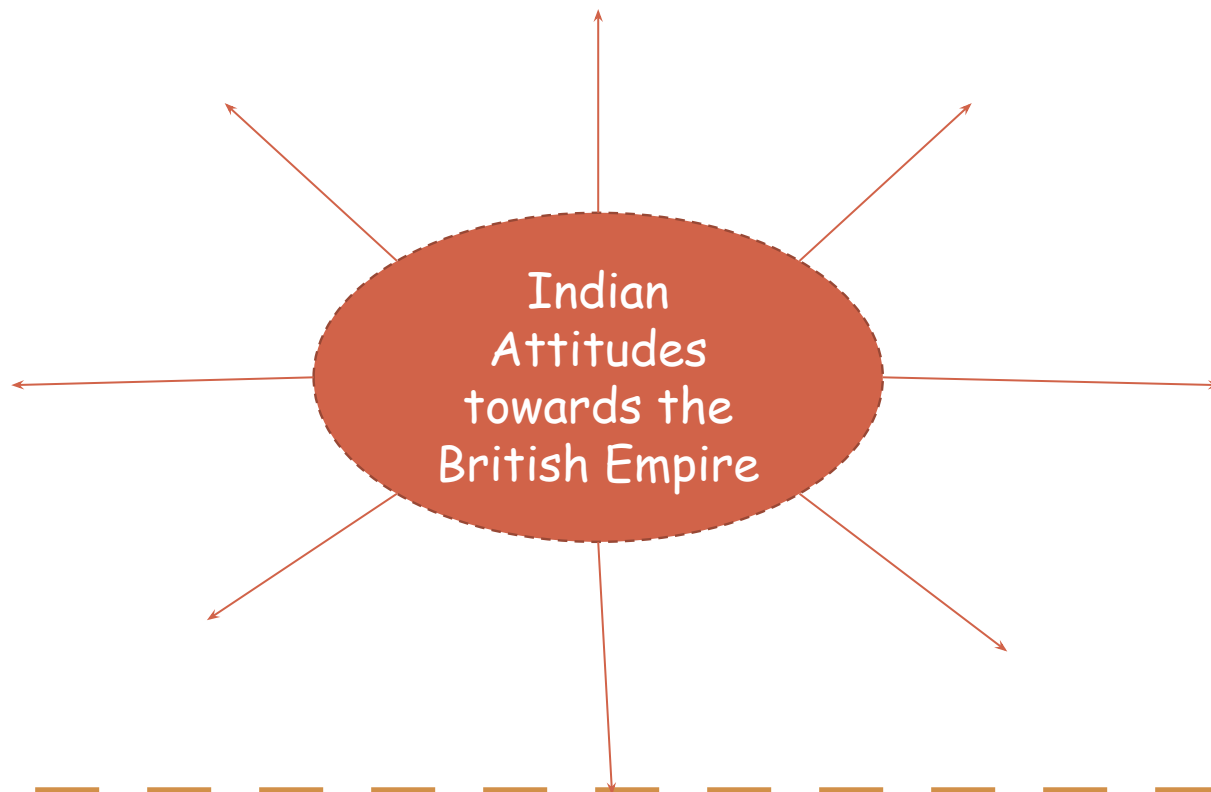
How would you *feel* if someone told you that you were not allowed to believe in these things?

Task - What caused the Mutiny?

- Read the text and underline a CAUSE of the Mutiny.
- Can you find any causes based on:
 - Disrespect of Indian values
 - Religion
 - Violence
 - Money
 - Other

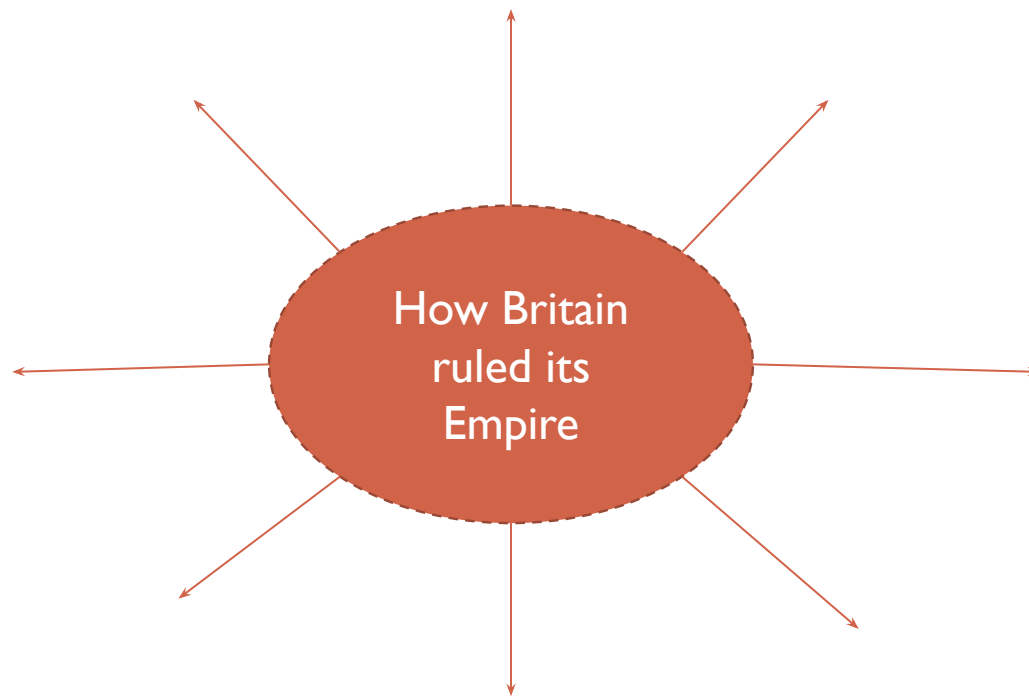
Extension

What does this mutiny tell us about Indian attitudes towards the British Empire?



Extension 2

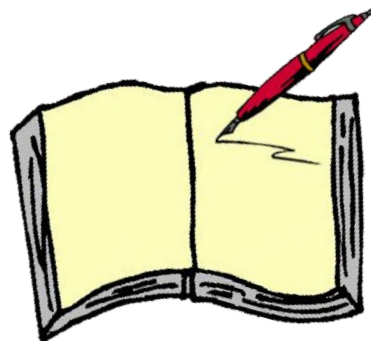
What does the mutiny show about the way Britain ruled its Empire?



Task

Imagine you are a Sepoy (Indian soldier) that took part in the Rebellion of 1857.

Write a diary entry to show how you feel about British rule in India and why you chose to rebel against this.



Plenary

Look at the statements:

- See if you can put them in chronological order WITHOUT talking to each other

