

HISTORY OF INDIA VI (c. 1750 - 1857) with emphasis on Bengal
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Module 1

I. India in the mid 18th Century; Society, Economy, Polity

II. Expansion and Consolidation of colonial Power:

[a] Mercantilism, foreign trade and early forms of exactions from Bengal.

[b] Dynamics of expansion, with special reference to Bengal, Mysore, Western India, Awadh, Punjab, and Sindh.

III. Colonial State and Ideology:

[a] Arms of the colonial state: army, police, law. [b]

Ideologies of the Raj and racial attitudes.

[c] Education: indigenous and modern.

IV. Rural Economy and Society:

[a] Land revenue systems and forest policy. [b]

Commercialization and indebtedness. [c] Rural

society: change and continuity. [d] Famines.

[e] Pastoral economy and shifting cultivation.

Module 2

V. Trade and Industry [a] De

industrialization [b] Trade and

fiscal policy [c] Drain of

Wealth

[d] Growth of modern industry

VI. Popular Resistance:

[a] Santhal uprising (185-7); Indigo rebellion (1860); Pabna agrarian Leagues (1873); Deccan riots (1875).

[b] Uprising of 1857

VII. Bengal:

1. The making of the early colonial order in Bengal - Permanent Settlement and its consequences
2. Education: Traditional system – Orientalism – Technical education, Medical education, Public health – Science.
3. Rammohun Roy and the origins of reform, Derozio and the Young Bengal, Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar.
4. From ‘reformism’ to ‘revivalism’: Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and the Hindu revivalist movement, Vivekananda and the rise of Hindu bhadrak movement.

ESSENTIAL READINGS

C. A. Bayly, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire, New Cambridge History of India.

Bipan Chandra, Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India. Suhash

Chakravarty, The Raj Syndrome: A Study in Imperial Perceptions, 1989.

J.S. Grewal, The Sikhs of the Punjab, New Cambridge History of India

Ranajit Guha, ed., A Subaltern Studies Reader.
Dharma Kumar and Tapan Raychaudhuri, eds., The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol. II.
P.J. Marshall, Bengal: The British Bridgehead, New Cambridge History of India.
R.C. Majumdar, ed., History and Culture of Indian People, Vols. IX and X. British Paramountcy and Indian Renaissance.
Rajat K. Ray, ed., Entrepreneurship and Industry in India, 1800- 1947, Oxford In India Readings.
Eric Stokes, English Utilitarians and India.
Ram Lakhan Shukla, ed., Adhunik Bharat ka Itihas.

SUGGESTED READINGS

David Arnold and Ramchandra Guha, eds, Nature, Culture and Imperialism.
Amiya Bagchi, Private Investment in India.
Bipan Chandra, K.N. Panikkar, Mridula Mukherjee, Sucheta Mahajan and Aditya Mukherjee, India's Struggles for Independence.
A.R. Desai, Peasant Struggles in India.
R.P. Dutt, India today.
M.J. Fisher, ed., Politics of Annexation (Oxford in India Readings). Ranajit Guha, Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India (1983).
P.C. Joshi, Rebellion 1857: A Symposium.
J.Krishnamurti, Women in Colonial India.
Dadabhai Naroji, Poverty and Un-British Rule in India.