**Indian Independence and Partition**

**Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

<https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-indian-independence-reading/>

1. On which date did India gain its independence from British rule?
2. Which state gained its independence from British rule a day before India?
3. What was the primary religion in India post-partition?
4. How many people were estimated to have been killed and displaced due to the partition?
5. When did the British East India Company establish itself?
6. Which event in 1858 marked the British Crown taking over direct rule of India from the East India Company?
7. Who was a prominent figure in the Indian independence movement that believed in nonviolent resistance?
8. Why was there a movement among Indian Muslims for a separate Muslim state in the late 19th century?
9. Who was the founder of the All-India Muslim League in 1912?
10. During which war did Britain promise India independence in exchange for their support?
11. Who began a public battle in support of a separate Muslim state as Indian independence approached?
12. What was the intended purpose of "Direct Action Day" scheduled by the Muslim League?
13. How many Hindus and Sikhs were estimated to have been killed in Calcutta on "Direct Action Day"?
14. What was the Radcliffe Line?
15. What was the main content of the Award report published by the British government in August 1947?
16. How many people were estimated to have been killed in fighting due to the partition?
17. Who assassinated Mohandas Gandhi and why?
18. Which two countries gained independence from Britain in 1948?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your readings, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*What* [*changes*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/change-and-continuity/) *occurred in the Indian sub-continent after Britain granted independence?*