



India Quiz

Geography and people

1. How many different states are there in India? Show them on a map.
2. Which are the three biggest ones? Compare them with European countries in size and give a few interesting facts.
3. About how many people live in India at present? How much of the global population is this (in %)?
4. What major ethnic groups are there?
5. How many official languages are there? Which are the most widely spoken ones? If possible, find a map with these languages on it....
6. Name four more official Indian languages and say in which states they are spoken.
7. How long can Indians expect to live on average (in %)?
8. How many Indians at present live below the national poverty line (in %)?
9. How many people over 15 can read and write (in %)? How does that compare with Switzerland?
10. How many children under 5 are malnourished (in %)?

History, religion, social structure

1. About how old is India's civilization considered to be?
2. Which religious traditions are there in India? (Name six.) Which is the most dominant one?
3. Find out a little more about one of these religions. Pick one about which you don't know a lot yet.
4. What are "varnas"? Name them and say what their functions are/were. Are they still important in Indian life?
5. Which people have never belonged to any "varna"? What did/does that mean for them?
6. Which European nations ruled parts of India for some time?
7. When did India become part of the British Empire?
8. When did it become independent?
9. Name two Indians who were central in the struggle for independence.
10. Who is India's present prime minister? What party is he a member of?
11. What have been India's biggest problems since Independence? (Name three or more and expand on them.)
12. What examples of human rights abuses are there in India today? (Name six and expand on them.)
13. Which states are especially known for such abuses?
14. What are some of the reasons for this kind of violence?
15. More interesting facts about India that we have found: