**Edmund Burke Academy/Online Lesson**

**World Affairs**

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***The History of India*** (to accompany PPT, need research materials or internet)

Note: Please be thorough in your answers; dates are necessary and complete explanations required.

1. What structure is on the title slide of this PPT presentation? When was it built? Why? What is so remarkable about it?
2. Describe the accomplishments of Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro in the Indus Valley?
3. What are two possible explanations for the collapse of the Indus Valley civilization?
4. How did the Aryans contribute to Indian culture?
5. Explain why the ruler Ashoka converted to Buddhism from his traditional Hindu faith.
6. What were some of the accomplishments of the Gupta Empire?
7. What was the first Portuguese trading post established in India?
8. Discuss the expansion of the British East India Company in India.
9. What effect did the incident known as the Black Hole of Calcutta have on British-Indian relations?
10. Who were the Sepoys? What were their complaints against the British military?
11. What precipitated the British establishment of direct rule over India?
12. Who was Mahatma Gandhi? What caused him to return to India from South Africa?
13. Describe the policy of *passive resistance* **and** *non-violent civil disobedience*.
14. What was the significance of the Salt March? Describe.
15. Why, ultimately, did Britain grant independence to India? What year?
16. Describe, in detail, the religious civil war that broke out with the Partition of India.
17. What was Gandhi’s response to it?
18. Why was Gandhi assassinated?
19. What was unique about the administration of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi?
20. Why was she assassinated?
21. What is our relationship with India today?