

Teacher's Guide *FACES: India*

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NOTE: Because this issue is jam-packed with lots of short articles filled with an abundance of information, one way to tackle the material and end up with every student being exposed to a variety of ideas and images of India, assign each student to one of the following areas, dividing the class into fourths: Family, Religion, Culture, and History. Following the individual information-gathering activities (detailed below), students will be armed with all the material they'll need to make group presentations to the class using a combination of graphics and oral reporting.

FAMILY

1 From "A Fabric Woven of Many Threads," find out the following (starting with the last two paragraphs on page 10):

- Why is it very rare to pay babysitters in India?
- Why do kids bow at the feet of their parents?
- Who is the guest of honor at a child's first birthday?
- Whose names are included on wedding invitations?

1 From "Rich, Poor, and in Between," explain the contrast illustrated by the two pictures on page 20.

1 From "Growing Up in India" ("Life in an Indian Village" and "Living in an Indian City") find out what Kanthimathi does to help her family after school and on the weekends (pages 29 & 30) and what Prashanth says about his family (page 30).

1 From "Honor Your Siblings (page 31)," define the following terms mean: Raksha-Bandhan, raki, kumkum, raki brother. Also find out if the tradition discussed in this article is meant only for children.

RELIGION

1 From "A Fabric Woven of Many Threads (pages 8-11)," find out the following:

- What four religions of the world were born in India?
- What percentage of India's people follow Hinduism?
- What is the meaning of "karma"?
- What three animals (and what river) do Hindus pray to?

1 From "The Power of Peace" (pages 14-16), find out the meaning of "ahimsa" and what it meant to Gandhi. Who were the following: Gandhi, Buddha, and a king named Ashoka.

1 From "Hinduism and Buddhism" pages 35-36, find out the following:

- Which came first, Hinduism or Buddhism?
- Who are some of the deities in Hinduism?
- Who was Buddha?
- What are three similarities between the two religions?
- What are three differences?

CULTURE

1 From "Motor Madness," (pages 10-11), find out the following:

- What does a honking horn mean on an Indian road?"
- What, besides cars, might be found on a road?

--Why are the roads so crowded?

1 From "Speaking in Hindi" (pages 12-13), find out how to say (and what gesture to use) for "Hello." Also, write out (by carefully copying in the Hindi alphabet) the word "Guruvaar" (Thursday)

1 Find the following statistics in "Rich, Poor, and in Between" (pages 18-20).

--How many people in Mumbai don't have clean drinking water?

--How many people now live below the poverty line?

--More than half of the country's 1.1 billion people are under what age?

--What percentage of people rely on farming for a living?

1 From "Hooray for Bollywood" (pages 21-23), do the following:

--Describe a scene from the movie "Rangeela."

--Define "Masala movie."

--List three factors that can make Bollywood moves seem unreal.

--Explain how Indian tradition is important in even the most modern

moves.

--Describe the behavior of moviegoers in India.

HISTORY

1 From "A Fabric Woven from Many Threads" (page 8), tell the significance of the following dates: 3000 B.C., 1500 B.C., 1000, 1700s, August 15, 1947.

1 From "The Power of Peace" (page 14), add these dates (in order) to your list and tell the significance of each: 1600s, 1763-1856, 1857

1 From "The Power of Peace" (pages 14-16), explain Gandhi's role in shaping the history of India.

1 From "Mother Teresa" (page 17), explain her nickname and summarize what she did in the slums of India for 40 years.

1 From "The Taj Mahal" (page 37), tell the history of the building and describe what a visitor would see today (if possible, take the virtual tour).