

Documents of Indian Events After Independence

Questions

Phillips Talbot – What I Have Seen in India

1. How does Talbot describe the Indian government? Is this a positive description or a negative description?
2. How does the end of Talbot's writing contrast to the beginning?

Vikas Kamat – Speaking of Indira Gandhi

1. Describe the political environment in 1976. What is Indira Gandhi doing?
2. How does Kamat's graffiti escapade come back to bite him later?
3. In 1977, why was the crowd more excited to see the helicopter than Indira Gandhi?
4. What are some of the effects that Indira Gandhi had on India, even after she lost power?

The Economist – India Under Attack

1. Why do you think the terrorists targeted tourist destinations?
2. What were the goals of the terrorists? What did they want?
3. How is the Mumbai attack different from previous attacks, and why are people worried about who might be involved?

Sabhash Vohra – India's Booming Economy is on an Upward Surge

1. How fast is the Indian economy growing, and what are some the reasons why?
2. What are some of the positive effects the booming economy is having on India?
3. What are some of the negative effects the booming economy is having on India?
4. Do you think this economic boom is good for India?

Kumar Malhotra – Poverty Still Grips Millions in India

1. What do government officials say about poverty in India?
2. What evidence contradicts those government officials?
3. How does corruption add to the causes of poverty?
4. Do you think this economic boom is good for India?