

**UNIT 10: CONTEMPORARY CONFLICTS**  
**Reading Guide 62: Contemporary Conflicts in South Asia**

**34.1: The Indian Subcontinent Achieves Freedom**

• **Objective A: Describe the partition of India.**

1. What led to the breakdown of colonialism after World War II?
  
2. How did British policy toward Indians spur the independence movement?
  
3. How might Jinnah's views about Hindu and Muslim differences impede progress toward independence?

• **Objective B: Explain the division of Pakistan.**

4. Why do you think the British moved so quickly after World War II to grant independence to India?
  
5. Explain in detail Gandhi's question "What is there to celebrate?" regarding the partition of India.
  
6. Explain the importance of Kashmir.

• **Objective C: Summarize the leadership of Nehru.**

7. Why might Nehru have wanted India to remain neutral in the Cold War?
  
8. How did Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi meet their ends?
  
9. What had made the relationship between India and Pakistan one of the most tense and dangerous in the world?

• **Objective D: Summarize independence struggles in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.**

10. How did geography play a role in Pakistan's problems?
  
11. Why do you think India intervened in the Pakistani civil war? What might its concern have been?

12. What challenges do Pakistani leaders face today?

13. Explain in detail the conflict in Sri Lanka.

### 34.2: Southeast Asian Nations Gain Independence

- **Objective A: Summarize the Philippine independence movement.**

14. How did the events of World War II change the political nature of post-war Southeast Asia?

15. Why was the location of the Philippines a factor in the US desire to have a presence there?

16. Discuss the rule of Ferdinand Marcos.

- **Objective B: Identify problems facing Burma, Malaysia, and Singapore.**

17. Discuss Burma's difficulties in establishing democracy.

18. Why do you think ethnic groups in Malaya resisted British efforts to unite them? How is this similar to uniting people of different religions?

19. What factors led to Singapore topping the Geneva World Economic Forum's list of the world's strongest economies in 1997?

- **Objective C: Trace Indonesia's fight for independence.**

20. What challenges to ruling Indonesia have Sukarno, Suharto, and Sukarnoputri faced?

21. Discuss East Timor's independence movement.

- **Objective D: Explain how the past and present coexist in Southeast Asia.**

22. What problems might face rural Thais when they visit cities such as Bangkok?

23. What characteristics of Indonesian housing indicate a gap between rich and poor?