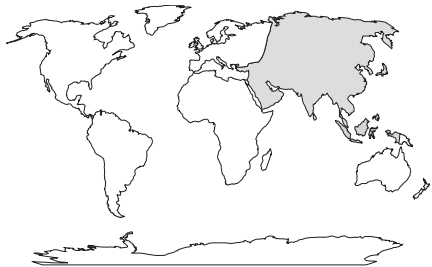


India



Population _____

Capital City _____

Religion _____

Type of Government _____

Currency _____

Language _____

What are the people called? _____

India

Home to a population second only to China, India is the largest country in southern Asia. Bordered by the Himalaya Mountains to the north and the Indian Ocean to the west, south, and east, India is an ancient land of diverse ethnic groups and varying landscapes. Once a land of mystery and wealth, India's natural resources were not developed causing great poverty. The overcrowded cities have very poor living conditions among the lower castes. The capital of India is New Delhi.

India's flag is vertical stripes of orange, white, and green with an ancient symbol called the "Dharma Chakra" in the center. The Chakra is also called the "Wheel of the Law." The twenty-four spokes of the wheel represent the twenty-four hours in a day. The orange stripe stands for courage and sacrifice. White is for peace and truth. Green symbolizes faith. The flag was adopted in 1947.

Although Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism also began in India, eighty percent of all Indians are practicing Hindus. Hindus worship many gods. Hinduism divides people into castes that determine how well a person lives and the type of job they can have. Hinduism teaches that souls are reborn many times, that animals have souls, and that cows are sacred.

Geography

- ❑ Sea
 - *Geography from A to Z*, page 39

History and Biographies

- ❑ Amy Carmichael
 - *Missionary Stories with the Millers*, chapter 20 - "Temple Runaway"
 - *Ten Girls Who Changed the World* - Irene Howat, pages 39-51 (available from Timberdoodle)
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 - *Missionary Stories with the Millers*, chapter 23 - "Boy Who Was Determined"
 - *The Shoemaker Who Pioneered Modern Missions* - Ben Alex
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- ❑ Gandhi
 - *What's Their Story?: Gandhi* - Pratima Mitchell
 - *Gandhi: Peaceful Warrior* - Rae Bains

General References

- ❑ *India* - David Cumming
- ❑ *A Family in India* - Tony Tigwell
- ❑ *Our Father's World*, pages 62-68
- ❑ *Children Just Like Me*, pages 56-59

Literature

- Missionary Stories with the Millers*, chapter 13 – “She Changed Her Mind”
- Missionary Stories with the Millers*, chapter 15 – “Saved In the Night”
- Stories From Around the World: “Snake Charmer”* (Usborne)
- To the Top* – S.A. Kramer
- Little Black Sambo* – Helen Bannerman
- The Story of Little Babaji* – Helen Bannerman
- Adventures of Mohan* – Rod and Staff
- One Grain of Rice* – Demi
- Magical Tales from Many Lands* – Margeret Mayo, “The Prince and the Flying Carpet”
- Nursery Tales Around the World* – Judy Sierra, “The Cat and the Parrot”
- Indian Folk Tales
 - http://hazel.forest.net/whootie/stories/india_pansa_h.html
 - http://hazel.forest.net/whootie/stories/six_judges_india.html
 - http://hazel.forest.net/whootie/stories/wali_dad_india.html

Language Arts

- Choose from Language Arts Suggestions on page 5.
- India is one of many countries that have a special day to honor and celebrate children. Let your child write (or dictate) a paragraph describing a special day for children in America and include the date, what types of food, games, and ceremonies they would want to occur on this special day.

Science

- Elephant
 - *Considering God’s Creation*, lesson 20
 - *Pocket Factfiles: Mammals*, pages 126–127
 - *Elephants* – Louise Martin
 - *Little Big Ears* – Cynthia Moss (This is a wonderful story of a baby elephant’s first year of life. Since it is set in Africa, you may use it here or in the study of Africa.)
 - <http://members.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/mammals/elephant/>
 - <http://coloring-page.net/activity/pages/dot-2.html>
- Tiger
 - *Pocket Factfiles: Mammals*, pages 12–13
 - *Magnificent Mammals*, page 62
 - *Tigers* – Louise Martin
 - <http://members.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/mammals/tiger/index.shtml>
- Water Buffalo
 - *Pocket Factfiles: Mammals*, pages 154–155
 - www.animalinfo.org/species/artiperi/bubaarne.htm
- Chevrotain
 - www.mnzoo.com/animals/tropics_trail/chev_1.asp

Activities

- Color or make the flag of India.
- Color or label a map of India.
- Label the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal on a world map.
- Make Indian Flat Bread.

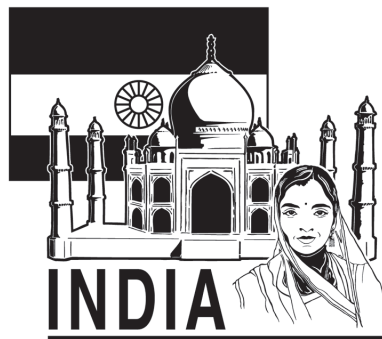
2 cups all-purpose flour	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup plain yogurt
1 egg, slightly beaten	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon sugar	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
$\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon baking soda	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk
oil	poppy seeds

Directions: Mix all ingredients except milk, oil, and poppy seeds. Stir in enough milk to make a soft dough. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Knead until smooth, about 5 minutes. Place in greased bowl; turn greased side up. Cover, let rest in warm place 3 hours until doubled. Divide dough into 6 or 8 equal parts. Flatten each part on lightly floured surface, rolling it out to 6" \times 4", $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Brush with oil; sprinkle with poppy seeds. Place 2 cookie sheets in oven; heat oven to 450°F. Remove cookie sheets from oven; place breads on hot cookie sheets. Bake 6–8 minutes.

- Make an Indian meal from *Eat Your Way Around the World*.
- Play Parcheesi (which has its origins in India).
- Go to www.crayola.com/activitybook/print.cfm?id=1032 for a Rangoli craft.

Bible

- Missionary Stories with the Millers*, chapter 15
 - Luke 8:22–25
- Missionary Stories with the Millers*, chapter 20
 - Isaiah 61:1
 - Luke 4:18
- Missionary Stories with the Millers*, chapter 23
 - Isaiah 54:6a
 - Matthew 28:19



Holidays and Celebrations

- Food and Festivals: India* – Mike Hirst
- www.indonet.com/HolidaysandFestivals.html
- www.indonet.com/HolidaysandFestivals.html
- www.indianholiday.com/theme-holidays-in-india/
- www.indianembassy.org/consular/holidays.html
- www.bawarchi.com/festivals/
- www.sscnet.ucla.edu/southasia/Culture/Festivals/Dusseh.html

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