

# Decolonisation in Asia

After the Second World War, more and more colonies in Asia strove for independence. One reason for this was the growing self-confidence of the colonised peoples, while the World War II had also highlighted the weakness of the European powers. This also gave rise to an independence movement in India, which was led by Mohandas Mahatma Gandhi. In his struggle against British rule, he applied the concept of non-violent resistance, with which he was ultimately successful.

## Decolonisation

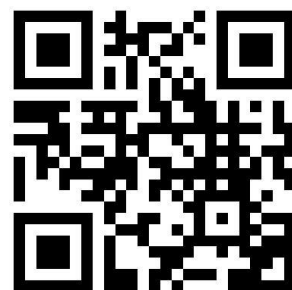
- a) What do you associate with the term "decolonisation"? Write down your thoughts in a Word File.
- b) Then get together in pairs and discuss your notes with your partner. When you have finished, switch partners. Do this at least twice.

## Division of India

- a) Watch the following short video: "[Why was India split into two countries?](#)" (05:48) and take notes. If you have difficulties understanding the speaker, switch on the subtitles.
- b) Create a vocabulary list (for example using an Excel File) with the words you don't know and look them up in the [online dictionary](#). If you have any questions, your teacher will help you.



Why was India split into two countries?



online dictionary

- c) Work in pairs (find a new partner) and discuss the most interesting facts mentioned in the video. Use your notes to remember all the facts.

## Decolonisation in India

The class is divided into groups A and B. Both groups have to find arguments for a debate between Mahatma Gandhi and the British Emperor George VI.

- ♦ Group A represents Mahatma Gandhi who thinks that India should get its independence.
- ♦ Group B represents the King of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Emperor of India, George VI., who thinks that India should remain a British colony forever.

## Mohandas Mahatma Gandhi

- Watch the video "[Who was Gandhi?](#)" (3:47). If you have difficulties understanding the speaker, switch on the subtitles.
- Create ten true/false questions that summarize the core content of the video. Write down all your questions and the correct answer to all your "No-questions" in a Word file.
- Work in pairs and answer your partner's questions. Then discuss the core message of the video in pairs.



Who was Gandhi?

## The Commonwealth

- a) Watch the short video "[What is the Commonwealth?](#)" (2:14) about the Commonwealth (of Nations) at least twice on your mobile device/computer. As the video is from 2022, the head of the Commonwealth is stated to be the late Queen Elizabeth II. The current head is King Charles III.

Don't forget to take notes, as you will need this information for the next task. If you have any questions, your teacher will be there to help you.



What is the Commonwealth

- b) Get into pairs to answer the questions below. Use your notes from the task before. When you have answered the questions, switch partners and compare your answers with your new partner.
- ◆ What characteristic did all the members of the Commonwealth share until 1995?
  - ◆ What is the Commonwealth Carta?
  - ◆ Who is the head of the Commonwealth?