

INDIA

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ART,
CULTURE, SIGHTS & FOOD



Where is India in the world?



India is a country in Asia.

It is between the Himalayan Mountains and the Indian Ocean.

Over 1.2 billion people live in India. It is the second most populated country in the world (behind China).



What does India look like?

It has:

Himalayan Mountains



Beaches



Cities



Desert



What types of **FOOD** are popular?

Chana Masala
(Spicy chickpeas)



Curry
(Meat, vegetables & spices)



Tandoori Chicken
(Roasted chicken with yogurt & spices)



Samosas
(Potato stuffed pastry)



Kheer
(Rice pudding)



Most meals contain:
Rice or flour
Beans or lentils
Spices

Tea Plantations

India is one of the top producers and consumers of tea in the world. Tea leaves are grown on tea plantations. The leaves are dried out and then soaked in hot water before drinking the tea.





PREPARING THE GROUND FOR THE SEED.

IRRIGATING THE PLANTS DURING GROWTH.

WOMEN GATHERING FIRST CROP OF LEAVES.

PROCESS IN MANUFACTURING SMALL TWISTED TEA.



PREPARING THE GROUND AND SOWING THE SEED.



NEW STATION, ROSEKANDY COOLIE LINES ASSAM.



FIRST PROCESS OF DRYING THE LEAVES BY EXPOSURE TO THE AIR.



COOLIES ASSAM.



COMPLETION OF THE DRYING PROCESS IN SHALLOW HEATED PANS.

This engraving from 1850 shows how tea is made in India.

What are the traditional clothes like?



A **turban** is cloth wound on top of the head to cover it.



A **sari** is a dress made of a long strip of fabric draped on the body.



Women often wear **salwar kameez** embroidered clothing.



A **dhoti** is a piece of cloth wrapped around the waist like a sarong. It is too hot for pants in India.

India has 23 official languages.
The main language in India is Hindi.

Hindi

Hello	<i>Namastey</i> नमस्ते
Good night	<i>Shubh raatri</i> शुभ रात्री।
Thank you	<i>Shukriyaa</i> शुक्रीया
Goodbye	<i>Alvida</i> अलविदा।

What are some interesting things I'd see in India?

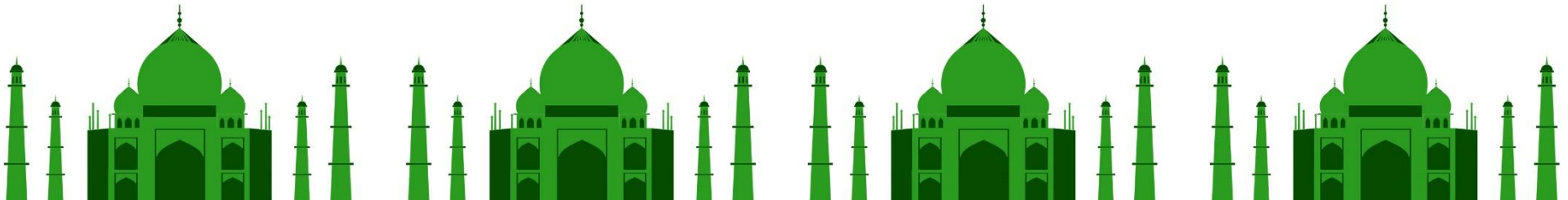


TAJ MAHAL

The Taj Mahal is a tomb that was built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a place to bury his wife. It took 22 years to build and was completed in 1653. He wanted to build an identical black building to bury himself in, but he died before it was ever started, so he was buried in the Taj Mahal with his wife.



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Animals in India

Indian elephant



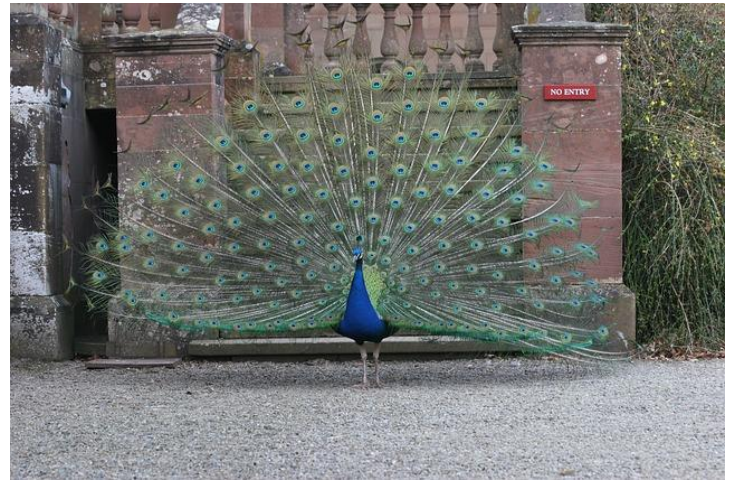
Indian rhino



Cobra



Indian peacock



Bengal Tigers

Bengal tigers are endangered animals. There are less than 2,500 of them left in the world. Most of them live in India.

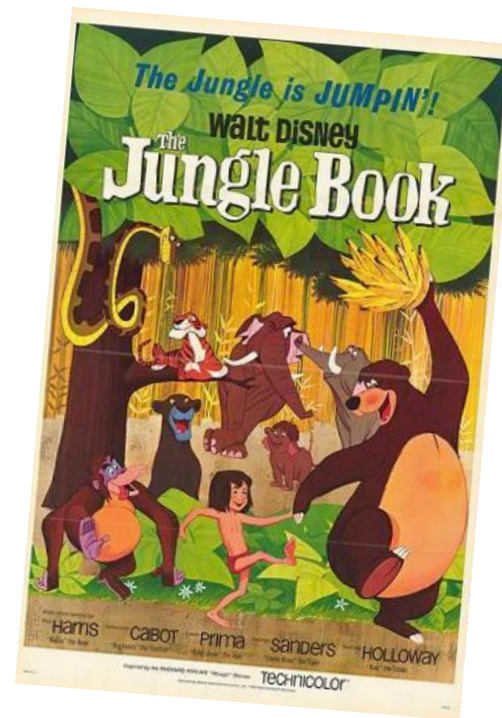
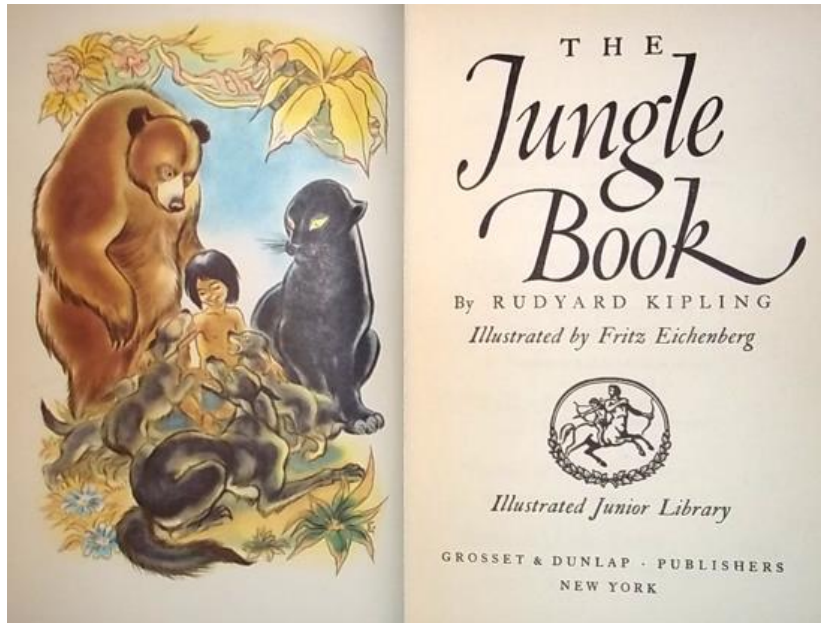
They can weigh between 300–450 pounds.

Bengal Tigers like to hunt alone. When two male tigers meet they snarl and roar at each other. Then they test each other's strength by standing on their back legs and wrestling until one runs away.

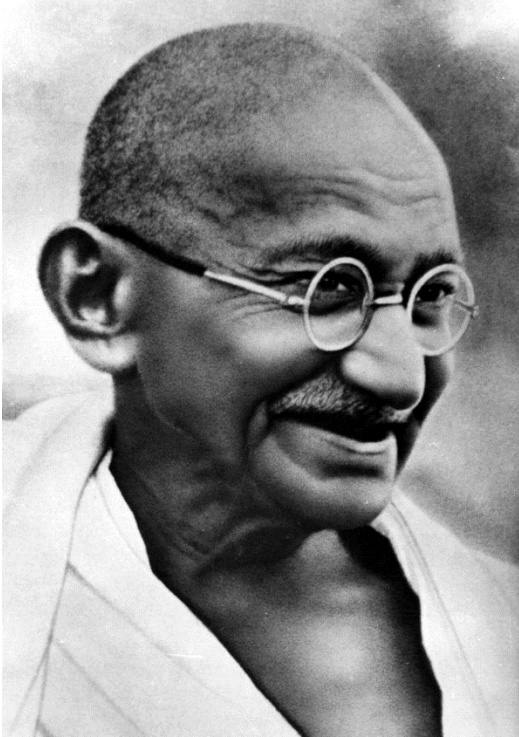


The JUNGLE BOOK

The Jungle Book (1894) is a collection of stories set in India by English author Rudyard Kipling, who lived in India as a child. Disney made the book into a movie in 1967.



Gandhi



Mahatma Gandhi lived from 1869-1948. He is known as the "Father of the Nation" because he helped India to become a independent nation after it was ruled by Great Britian. He wanted people to work out their problems peacefully.

Mehndi

Mehndi is a ceremonial art form where patterns are applied to the skin using henna paste. The designs can last 1-3 weeks on the skin. Many brides and grooms do this before their wedding because it is supposed to bring them good luck.



Ganges River

The longest river in India is the Ganges River. It is 1,646 miles long. Hindus believe the Ganges is a holy river and that bathing in the river will bring them good luck.



YOGA

Yoga is a type of exercise that uses breathing techniques and meditation. Many people around the world practice it to keep their body and mind healthy.

A statue of Shiva in a yoga pose



What are some **arts and crafts** from India?

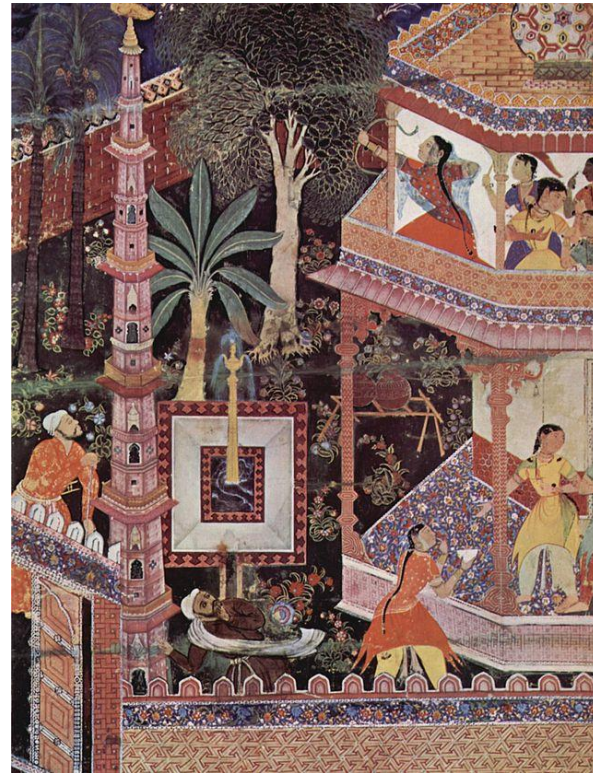


A rangoli is a painting on the floor made with flowers or colored powder.



Miniature Paintings

Miniature paintings are very small and are painted in books or on paper or cloth. They show scenes from India.



Fabric Decoration

Weaving, dyeing and printing are popular ways to decorate fabric in India. The fabric is used to make clothes.



carving

India is well known for its Hindu temples carved from stone. Wood workers also carve statues for temples with a chisel.





Marionettes

Puppets are a popular form of entertainment. The face is painted on a mango wooden head and the body is covered in decorative clothing. Strings help it move.



QUIZ TIME!

What is the name of this famous building?

- A. Taj Mahal
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Chana Masala



Answer

What is the name of this famous building?

A. Taj Mahal



QUIZ TIME!

Name a type of art made in India.

Answer

Name a type of art made in India.

marionettes, rangoli, fabric decoration,
carving, miniature painting, etc.

QUIZ Time!

What is the name of the type of exercise from India that focuses on breathing and meditation?

- A. Ballet
- B. Yoga
- C. Karate



Answer

What is the name of the type of exercise from India that focuses on breathing and meditation?

B. Yoga



QUIZ TIME!

India is one of the top producers of what crop?

- A. Coffee
- B. Bananas
- C. Tea



Answer

India is one of the top producers of what crop?

C. Tea





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