

Foreign Forces in the Subcontinent.

INTRO: Sub-continent

~~India~~ has long been the center of attention around the globe. Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama was the 1st person in history to discover the route to India in 1498. Later on, other European powers such as Dutch, British & French also came to the subcontinent in the for trading purposes.

Influence of Portuguese in India:

Portuguese initially came to subcontinent for trading spices soon their intentions changed they captured

~~some~~ cities of India such as Goa, Nagav Haveli & North of Mumbai. These cities were under their rule from 1505 to 1961.

Influence of Dutch:

The Dutch presence in the Indian subcontinent lasted from 1605 to 1825. Merchants of Dutch East India company wanted to textile trading in exchange for the spices of India which were of high value back in Europe. Apart from textile they also traded in precious stones & pepper etc. In the second half of the 18th century the Dutch started losing their influence in the subcontinent. The last Dutch territories were taken over by the Brits in 1825. Hence ending the Dutch influence in the subcontinent completely.

INFLUENCE OF BRITIS:

The British east India company was initially established to conduct trade with sub-continent with the consent of local Govt. The East India Company was allowed own land keep army & establish their fortification.

Also include the following points:-

- ↳ Doctrine of lapse
- ↳ accession of state
- ↳ And the whole independence struggle upto 1947 briefly.

INFLUENCE OF FRENCH:

France was the last of the major European Powers to enter east India trade in 1673. Prior to this French King's famous minister Colbert laid the ~~base~~ foundation of French East India company in 1664. The French set up various factories throughout the sub-continent. The 1st French company was established in Surat. To gain control over India territory French fought 3 Carnatic wars. French established their stronghold in a place called Pondicherry. Soon the British & French ~~open~~ East India companies began fighting over territories & French were defeated. Hence forced to leave the subcontinent.