

**Source A**

"Thus the way is now open to an arrangement by which power can be transferred many months earlier than the most optimistic of us thought possible, and at the same time leave it to the people of British India to decide for themselves on their future."

Lord Mountbatten in a radio broadcast preceding independence.

**Source B**

Photograph of refugees fleeing Balloki, Pakistan

**Source C**

"Millions were slaughtered or rendered homeless overnight. To add to the general confusion and upheaval, the like of which has no parallel in human history - more than a million people were left insane, mutilated, orphaned, women raped and their bodies dismembered... My family lost everything in Lahore, but we were fortunate to be alive."

Indira Kumar, writing of her memories of partition in Lahore, Pakistan, in 2012.

**Source D**

"The main development of the week has been an increased tempo of guerrilla activities by raiders... in the extreme south. Indian forces made a planned withdrawal from Kotli..."

Stories of atrocities committed on both sides are receiving wide circulation."

Telegram from J Shattock, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom to the Commonwealth Relations Office, 1947.

**Source E**

"The partition had no institutional sanction, unlike many of the genocides of the twentieth century, and the states of Pakistan and India cannot be held accountable in the same way in which one holds Germany accountable for the elimination of Europe's Jews."

Modern interpretation from the UCLA, (University of California, Los Angeles), website.