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- India became politically fragmented
- EIC became dominant in Bengal through the avenging of Black Hole of Calcutta + overthrowing of nawab
- South Asia became the hotbed of colonialism
 - Through a series of negotiations, persuasion, and installation of Nawabs, EIC gained strategic control over much of India
 - Goals of British Raj: remake India through British admin, British social reform, British economic development, and British Technology.
 - EIC Indian rule was inconsistent because CLAIM this is complicated!
 - EIC control — double edge sword. Created Anglicized jobs, but destroyed original artisanship + handywork.
- Goals:
 - 1) Create efficient government
 - 2) Disarm princes
 - 3) Christianization
 - 4) Revamp land holding claims
- Brought also British celebrations and expansion of social class, property ownership, etc. to bolster EIC control.
 - Religious and tradition conflicted with Britain's requirement for soldiers.
 - Localized rebellions became empowered by the Indian British army committing mutiny due to religious conflict.
 - Woman's rights went to the dumps, so did the poor's rights. CLAIM: this was due to the Brits trying to establish a sense of superiority.
- British admin change after 1858 rev...
 - 1) British men held high-level administrative posts and controlled Indian officials. CLAIM: this is complicated! Not a mutiny — more soldiers and people; not a revolution — there was nothing they are representing themselves with.
 - Lots of Brits in the ICS, because they are damn racist.
 - Britain consolidated rule after rebellion + centralized gov't
 - 2) Britain invested in Indian infrastructure and industry. (which promoted job growth)
 - => Used elaborate shows of wealth to maintain a sense of authority.
 - 3) British government also promoted introduction of high tech ASAP to India
 - Railroad allowed India to become more connected + integrated while promoting British commerce & investment.
 - Trains also brought cholera, but it was quickly mitigated by installing filtered water.
- => CLAIM: Indian nationalism spawned from the establishment of British India.
 - Nationalism spawned from the needs to reform the Indian society + improve education.
 - Rammohun Roy established schools promoting Indian secular nationalistic ideals while promoting social reforms to India.
 - New nationalists came from the middle class — CLAIM propped up by increase in trade caused by Brits.