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SPICE UP YOUR VOCABULARY

Use the vocabulary below to create your own mindmap and add more words if necessary!

Adjectives

- contemptuous
- democratic
- emerging
- impressive
- independent
- multicultural
- prominent
- respectful
- strong-minded = determined
- successful = thriving /aɪ/
- tumultuous /tʃuːˈmʌltjuəs/
- undesirable

Verbs

- be defeated /dɪˈfi:tɪd/
- be enslaved
- benefit from / take advantage from
- despise / look down on / feel superior
- do business with / trade with
- exploited
- fit in
- grow = develop
- have mixed feelings
- impact
- make history
- make money
- mingle with = cohabit
- recognise
- thrive

Nouns

- acculturation /əkʌltʃəˈreɪʃən/
- activist
- bravery = courage
- cargo = shipment
- colonisation /kəˈlɒnɪzəʃən/ ≠ decolonisation
- commerce = trade
- the Commonwealth
- conquest /ˈkɒŋkwɛst/
- cooperation
- dignity /ˈdɪɡnəti/
- division /dɪˈvɪʒən/ = separation
- exchange
- freedom fighter
- fulfilment = achievement
- greed /iː/
- growth = development
- impact
- imperialism
- independence
- integration /ɪntɪˈɡreɪʃən/
- leader /iː/
- partition /pɑːˈtɪʃən/
- pride
- recognition /ˌrekəɡˈnɪʃən/
- scorn = disdain
- success ≠ failure
- ties = bonds

UP TO YOU!

★ 1. Match the beginnings of these sentences with the right endings.

- A. Queen Victoria became closer and closer to Abdul, her Indian servant
 B. The East India Company did business with the country
 C. Because Mahatma Gandhi had studied in England,
 D. Nowadays, British Indians are proud of their origins,
 E. London is a truly multicultural city where Indian culture is so well represented

1. even though they find it difficult sometimes to mix both cultures.
2. whom she considered as a dear friend and confident.
3. which allowed the British to establish a colony in the years that followed.
4. that, in some areas, people have the impression of actually being in India.
5. it enabled him to master the English language and lead the fight for independence.

★★ 2. Fill in the blanks with the following words.

colonisation • imperialism • colony • empress • conquered • took advantage of • British rule • second-class • colonial rule

- A. British ... in India began in the 18th century.
 B. Queen Victoria became ... of India in 1877.
 C. Under ... India became a ... of the British Empire.

D. The British government ... the country and ... its resources.

E. Indians were considered as ... citizens.

★★★ 3. On 15 August 1947, Lord Mounbatten (the viceroy) gave a speech about independence. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the list. Recap the message in your own words.

independent • democratic • achieved • Commonwealth • responsibilities • sacrifices • power • peaceful • freedom

"This is his Majesty's message: on this historic day as India takes her place as a free and ... dominion in the British ... of nations, I send you all my greetings and heartfelt wishes. ... loving people everywhere will wish to share in your celebrations, for with this transfer of ... by consent, comes the fulfilment of a great ... ideal to which the British and Indian people alike are firmly dedicated. It is inspiring to think that all has been ... by means of ... change. Heavy ... lie ahead of you, but when I consider the statesmanship you have already shown and the great ... you have already made, I am confident that you will be worthy of your destiny".