

History of Modern India

Book-Reading-Essential Guideline

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Dear Students,

Book reading is, in real sense a challenge to a new student but in the beginning the student does not realise the extent of the challenge. In the beginning the students, enthusiastically start collecting more and more books but only after going through few pages they come to realise two formidable challenges-

Firstly, what they read they do not perceive or internalise and they merely collect some datas or facts.

Secondly, whatever and in what forms they interalise something by hook or by crook does not exist in their mind for a longer time and very soon they evaporate. Therefore, below names of certain books are given with specific chapters as well as certain instructions so they can make optimum use of book-reading.

List of books:-

1. Our Past-III:- This is a new NCERT history book on Modern India. It consists of total 10 chapters. You can read this book along with your class lecture. You can better understand these chapters when you can move on along with the class.
2. History of Modern India (Author : Bipin Chandra):- It is an old NCERT book (for class 12) on Modern India but now it is being published independently in the form of a short book. If you are willing to know the things slightly in details than what has been explained in class 8th book, you can read it in complete or partial forms.
3. Themes of Indian History, Part – III:- It is a new NCERT book for class 12. It consists of total 6 chapters. All the chapters are providing standard information and analysis. It is advisable that one should go through the chapter after finishing the topic in the class.
4. India's struggle for independence (Bipin Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee, Aditya Mukherjee, Sucheta Mahagan, K.N. Panikkar) – you can go through selective chapters from this book. Following chapters have been highlighted here...

Chapter 6- Socio-Religious Reforms and the National Awakening

Chapter 8- The Fight to Secure Press Freedom

Chapter 11- The Split in the Congress & Rise of Revolutionary Nationalism

Chapter 15- The Non-Cooperation Movement (1920-22)

Chapter 20- Bhagat Singh, Surya Sen and the Revolutionary Nationalists

Chapter 24- The Rise of the Left-Wing

Chapter 28- The Freedom Struggle in Princely India

Chapter 35- The Quit India Movement and the INA

Chapter 37- Freedom and Partition

(When and how to read the above chapters will be instructed in the class)

5. A New look at Modern Indian history: From 1707 to Modern Times (BL Grower and Alka Mehta) – Particularly for supplementary knowledge for pre-exam, you can go through selected chapters from this book. Some chapters have been given below-

Chapter 24- India under Lytton and Ripon

Chapter 29- History of the Growth and Development of Education in India

Chapter 31- Cultural Awakening, Religious and Social Reforms

Chapter 32- Lower Caste Movement in Modern India

Chapter 37- Peasants Revolts and Agrarian Movements

Chapter 38- The Development of Famine Policy

Chapter 39- The Growth of Local Self-Government in India

Chapter 40- Growth of the Constitution under the Company's Rule

Chapter 41- Growth of the Representative Government in India

Chapter 43- The Road to Responsible Government-II

(Instructions: *If you want, you can prepare for Prelims with the help of any guide book other than this book.***)**