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How Important are Dates?

- Dates were helpful to categorize events.
- Every date can help to find a chain of important historical events.
- Dates can help examine facts about a particular dynasty or inauguration of a thing.
- Helps to connect with the history better.

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Which Dates:

- All the other dates gives an account of governor and king ruled on India.
- First governor general warren Hastings, and history ended up with lord Mountbatten.
- Dates are no important on their own but because of the events that are connected with them.

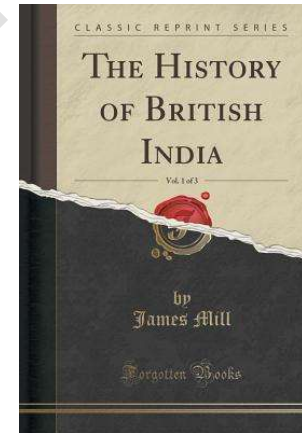


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How do we parodies?

- James mill (1817- economist and philosopher) published three volumes of history of India.
- History was divided into 3 sections i.e. Modern, medieval and ancient.
- Modernity - equality, liberty and science exists.
- Medieval - features of modern era doesn't exists.



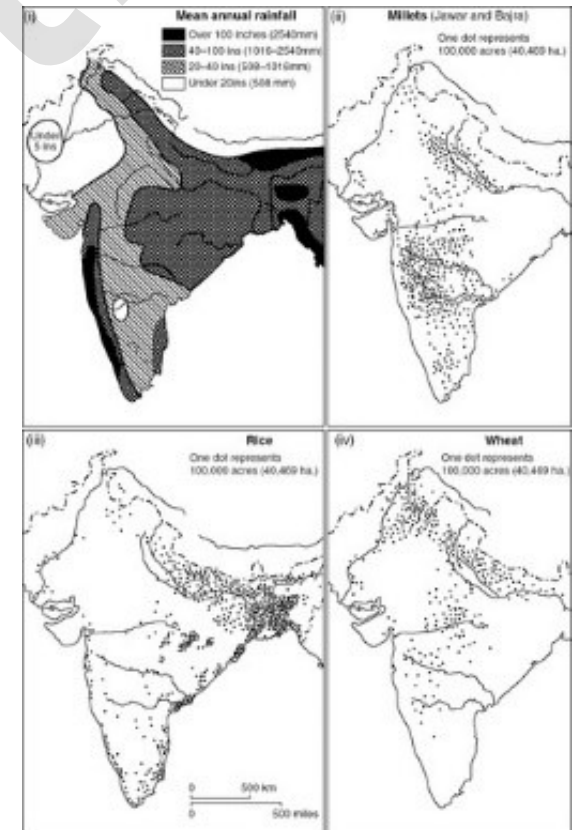
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What is colonial?

- When one country took control of another country we refer it as colonization.
- Revenues were collected, mapping of economy, crops, import and export was introduced.
- European art, manners, laws etc. was introduced in India initially.



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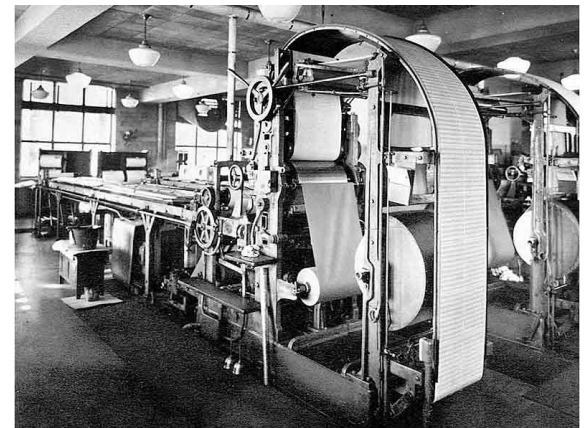
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How do We Know?

➤ Historians writing format of 250 years.

Administration produces records

- Writing was prominent to help in proper study and debate e.g. agreement, investigation and policy making.
- Record rooms were created along with museum and institution.



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- Calligraphist were appointed for beautiful writing.
- Spread of printing in India for multitasking projects.

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Surveys become important

- Surveys were conducted in every 10 years for better planning.
- Mapping of entire country was done for getting useful information about cropping pattern, villages, flora and fauna etc.
- Surveys subjects such as zoological, anthropological, forest, botanical etc.



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What official records do not tell

- Villagers those were engaged in mining and peasantry were unable to present their feelings.
- Only Educated Indians wrote their feelings in autobiographies, account and book.
- Issues and debates of common public was spreading via newspaper in local bazar.



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- Popular booklets in the local bazaars
- Newspapers
- Written ideas of Leaders and reformers
- Written records of poets and novelists.



Limitation of Unofficial records

- They were produced by those who were literate.

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EXERCISE

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Question 1. State whether true or false:

(a) James Mill divided Indian history into three periods – Hindu, Muslim, Christian.

Answer:

(a) False

(b) Official documents help us understand what the people of the country think.

(b) False

(c) The British thought surveys were important for effective administration.

(c) True

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Question 2.

What is the problem with the periodization of Indian history that James Mill offers?

Answer:

James Mill divided Indian history into three periods – modern, medieval and ancient. What it suggest that the lives and practices of other do not matter.it is worth mentioning that every ruler and all religion did not share the same faith.

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Question.3.

Why did the British preserve official documents?

Answer:

The British believed that by preserving official documents, it would be easier for them or any other persons to know about the decisions taken in the past. One can study the notes and reports that were prepared in the past. Their copies may be prepared and used in present time if needed so.

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Question.4.

How will the information historians get from old newspapers be different from that found in police reports?

Answer: The information printed in newspaper are usually affected by the views and opinions of the reporters, news editors etc. But what historians find in police reports are usually true and realistic.