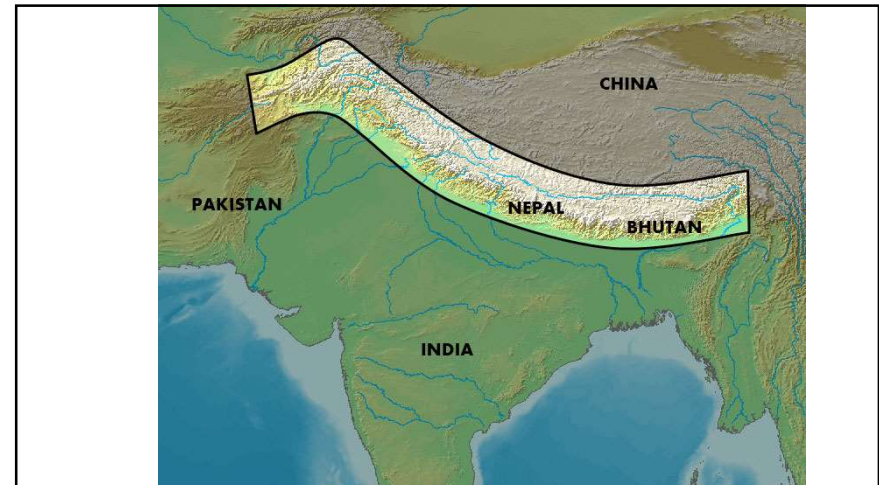


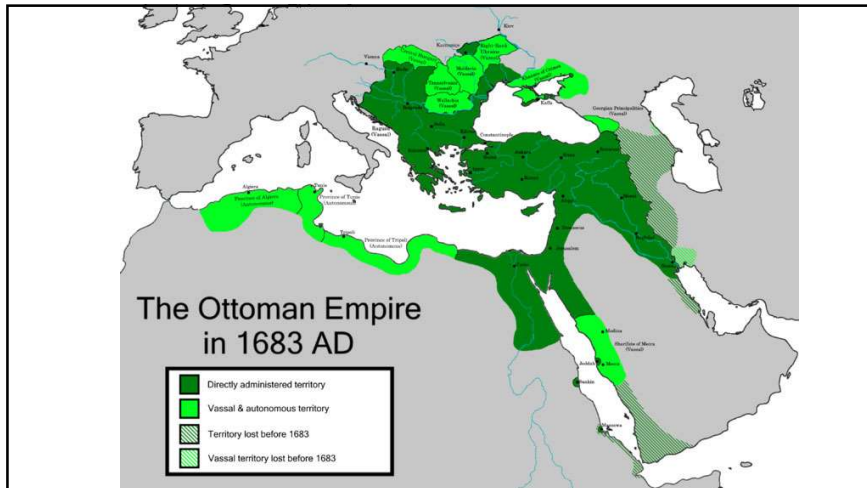
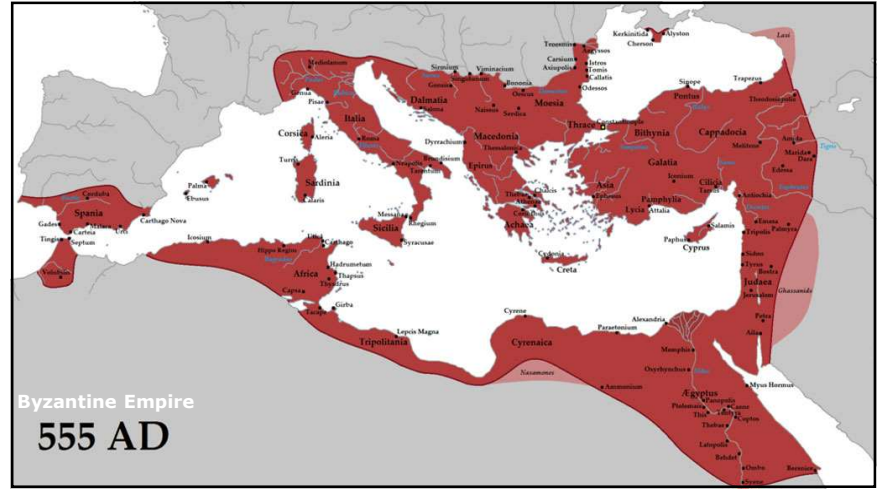
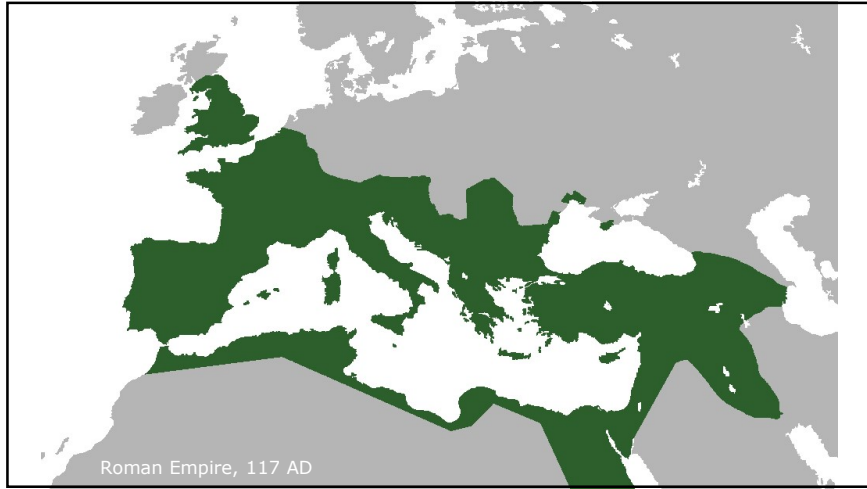
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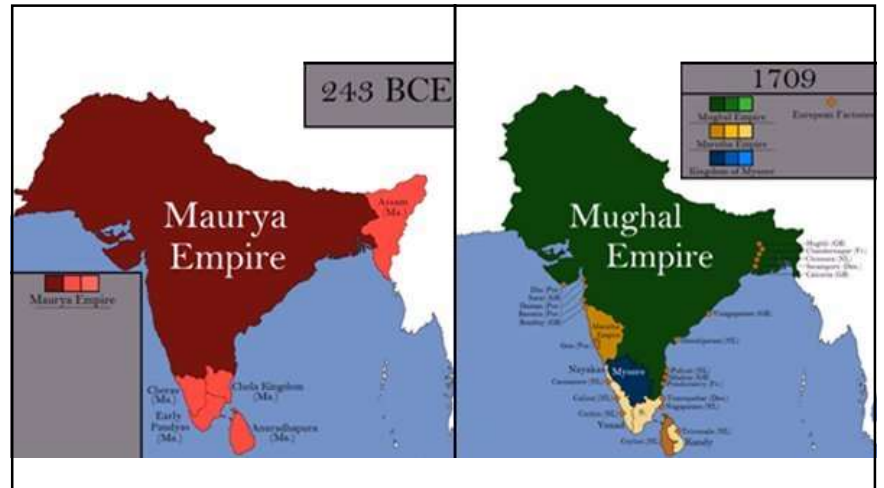
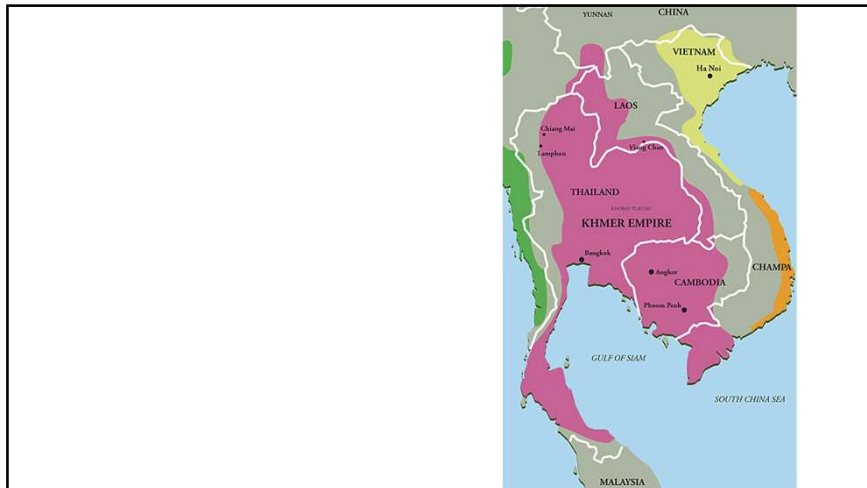
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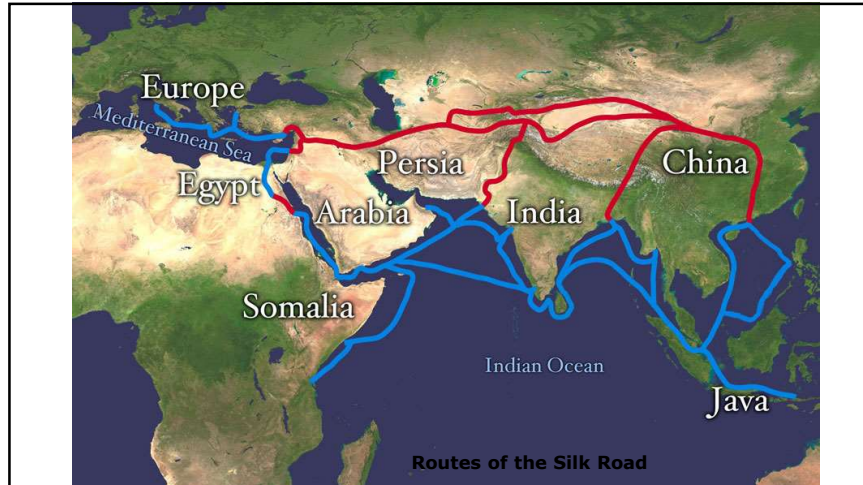
Geography

- The Himalayan mountains form a natural barrier between India and China.
- 50+ mountains over 20,000" high.









Geography

- The Himalayas caused India to be mostly isolated from outside influences for thousands of years.
- Culture of India is therefore unique, and significantly different from most of the rest of Asia.

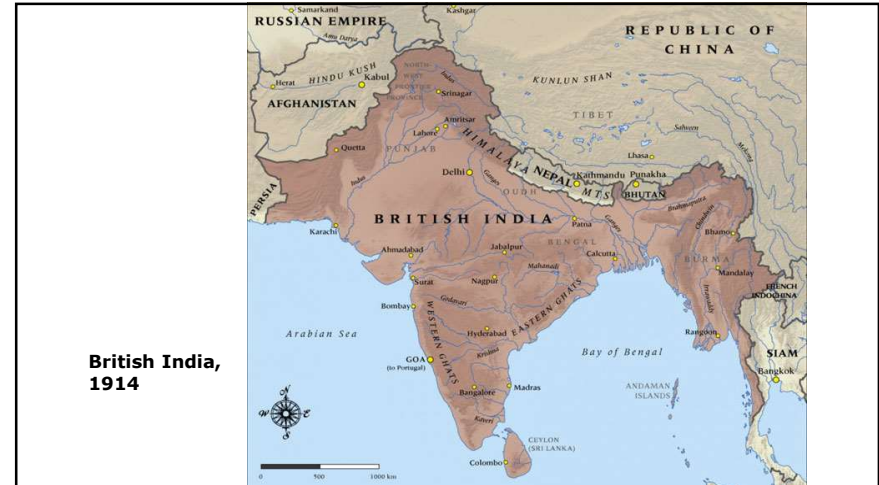
Religion

- Hinduism:
 - ~500 BC
 - Polytheistic
 - 3rd largest religion
- Buddhism:
 - 400-600 BC
 - 4th largest religion



British Colony

- Controlled by the British *East India Company* since late 1700s.
- Formally became a British colony in 1858.



**British India,
1914**

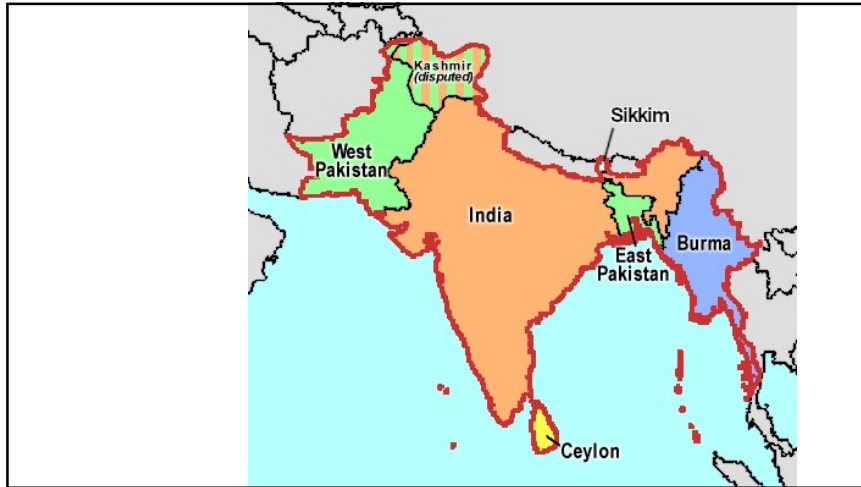
British Colony

- Mahatma Gandhi led non-violent protests against British rule.
- India gained independence in 1947.
- Gandhi assassinated in 1948.



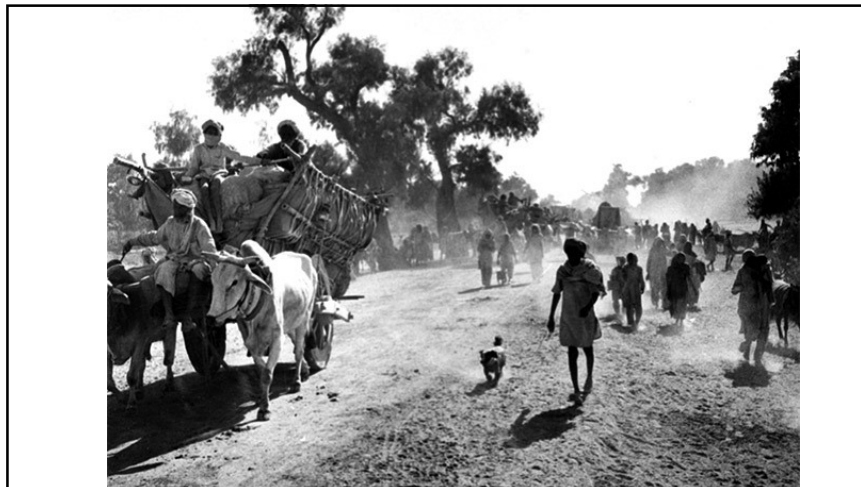
Partition of India

- 1948: India split into 2 countries: India & Pakistan (east & west).
- 1971: Pakistan split into Pakistan (west) and Bangladesh (east).



Partition of India

- Largest mass migration in human history: 10-12 million people, divided on religious lines.
- Most Hindus moved to India.
- Most Muslims moved to Pakistan.
- Up to 2 million died.



Economy of India

- India's economy/GDP is growing rapidly today.
- Was very poor, but now has a growing middle class.

Globalization in India

- India has more English speakers than any other country besides the U.S.
- More educated than many other developing countries.

Globalization in India

- This has led to:
 - Many call centers in India, providing call support for a wide variety of American businesses.
 - Software programming now being sent to India.
 - Companies like Microsoft hiring Indian programmers to come to the U.S.

