**Cultural Exploration**

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| The Culture/Country: INDIA |
| **What do you know about this culture?**- the food has many spices- one of the poorest countries in the world- their version of Hollywood is called Bollywood- there is a formal traditional dress females have to wear- women have their nose pierced- everyone is usually tanned (it is very sunny) | **What do you want to know about this culture?**- traditional food recipes- where they get their spices from- more about Bollywood!- why females have to dress in saris? |
| The flag (country, region): |
| **This culture/country is known for:** - Butter chicken- Festivals- Curry- Ghandi- Patriachy (men have more control than women)- Arranged marriages- Second most populated country in the world- Gold jewelry on the women- Temple etiquette- Ghandi was born there (he challenged the British government to make India an independent country peacefully)- cows are sacred (in Hinduism)- many religions (Hinduism, Muslim, Sikh) |
| **Stereotypes associated with this culture/country:**- India is a land of snake charmers?- All educated Indians are IT techs, there are a lot of call centres in India- Indian cuisine is only Butter chicken, curries and na’an bread- Indians are uneducated?- All speak hindi and have henna tattoos  |
| **Geographical Qualities:**- North of the equator- Mountainous, deep valleys, plains- There are jungles and deserts- Many populous cities- 1.25 billion people!- Largest city was Mumbai- New Dehli- 3, 287, 000 km2 |
| **Customs, habits, and values:**- women shake hands with women, men shake hands with men- many homes have prayer rooms- eat food with fingers- men are providers and women do cleaning and take care of children- very religious – observe a lot of traditions |
| **Important Arts (Music, art, film et cetera)**:- Bollywood – Bride and Prejudice, Bollywood Hollywood, Slumdog Millionaire, Salam Bombay- Traditional dances – (tribal, choreographed dances in movies)- Music – very vibrant, girls voices are high pitched, lots of instruments- Art – very detailed oriented, colourful -   |
| **Language and Ethnicity:**- Hindi and English are the two official languages- A very large variety of ethnic groups (Sikhs, Hindus, Muslim…) |
| **Food:****-** gulab jamun – fritters (spongy milk balls ☺)- momo (dumplings filled with minced meat)- na’an bread- butter chicken- chicken korma- mango lassi (yogurt based drink)- kheer (rice pudding) |