**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) | |