Title of Lesson
Caste and Color

Course
The World in the 20th Century 20125—HIST 114-011
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Student Outcomes
1. Students will be able to discuss the basic problems associated with caste and skin complexion in India.
2. Students will be able to discuss the impact of British and American culture on Indian Education.
3. Students will identify at least two geographic regions pertinent to their discussions and examinations.
4. Students will write two essays that explore the economic and social issues associated with the problems of caste and color.

Lessons
Three class periods will be devoted to this assignment. During the first class meeting, the instructor will lecture about caste and color issues in India and in the United States. After the class discussion, the video “India: A General Survey” will be shown. Students will first be given a quiz over the required reading. The instructor will present another video entitled, “India: Caste and Color.” The class and the instructor will discuss relevant ideas illustrated in the videos. Students will later write an essay on topics discussed in class for a grade.

Essays
Please prepare only two of the following below. (See Syllabus for due date)

1. What role did the Caste System play in the justification for Britain’s dominance in India? (two pages)
2. Compare and contrast the problems of race in India with the race problem, as it relates to African Americans in the United States. (two pages)
3. Based on your understanding of the history of India, what types of social programs should the Indian government put into practice to protect the Dalit? What types of social programs should the United States put into practice to protect African Americans?
Please Note: For these assignments, students must use only materials presented in class as well as the references listed below.

Grading Rubric
To be handed out to students in class

Videos

India: A General Survey
India: Caste and Color

References


"Karnan didn't even spare dalit colleagues: Ex-judges." The Times of India. Kolkata, March 18, 1917.


Selective Readings from the "National Geographic" will be discussed in class.

Please Note: The reference list retains the original capitalization and spelling present in the Indian newspapers.