

MODERN HISTORY

The Indian Freedom Struggle

From 1857 to Independence in 1947

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INTRODUCTION

**Ninety years of struggle,
millions of people, one
dream of freedom.**

Why it matters

Overview

- A long movement against colonial rule
- Moderates, revolutionaries and mass movements
- Non-violence became its most powerful tool
- Independence came on 15 August 1947

REMEMBER

**Many movements
ran side by side, in
every region.**

02

BACKGROUND

Key dates

1857

Revolt

The great uprising

1930

Salt March

Civil Disobedience

1885

Congress

Indian National Congress
founded

1947

Freedom

India becomes independent

A nationwide movement



Map / illustration

**From cities to villages,
every region took part.**

Protests, boycotts and marches spread through newspapers, songs and meetings in many languages.

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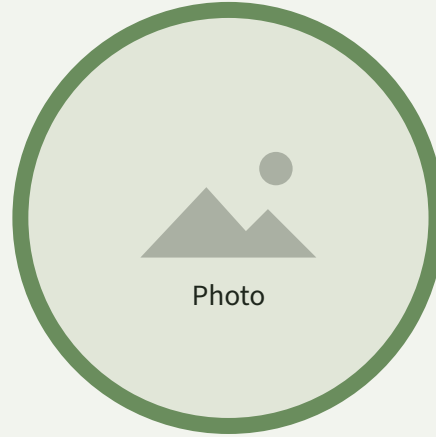
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Who was involved



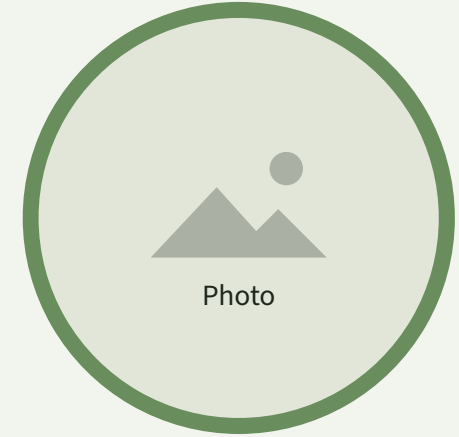
Leaders
ORGANISERS

Led movements and inspired millions.



Students
YOUTH

Joined boycotts and protests.



Women
PARTICIPANTS

Marched, picketed and organised.

Major movements

1 Swadeshi

Boycott foreign goods

2 Non-Cooperation

Mass refusal to cooperate

3 Civil Disobedience

Breaking unjust laws

4 Quit India

Final call for freedom



*At the stroke of the midnight
hour, when the world sleeps, India
will awake to life and freedom.*

— From the speech on the eve of Independence, 1947

At a glance

Year	Event	Significance
1919	Jallianwala Bagh	Turned opinion against rule
1930	Salt March	Mass civil disobedience
1942	Quit India	Final mass movement

Dates are approximate where historians differ.

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IMPACT

Before and after

Before

- ✓ Colonial rule
- ✓ No vote for most people
- ✓ Economic exploitation

After

- Sovereign nation
- Universal adult franchise
- Own Constitution

Legacy

01

Democracy

The world's largest.

02

Non-violence

Inspired movements
worldwide.

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Unity

Diversity as strength.

Discussion questions

- Why did non-violence work?
- What role did ordinary people play?
- How did newspapers help?
- What does freedom mean to you today?

History lives on

Thank you for listening.

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