

CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature

Revision Notes

Chapter 7

Glimpses of India

- During 18th century, British east India Company was extending its power in worldwide.
- That time Indian princes were fighting each other. East India Company subdued Indian princes one by one. During the period of 1765 to 1836 India had to witness many incidents.
- Untouchability, child marriage and other social evils existed in Indian society. The people were superstitious also. The British imposed heavy taxes on farmers so that farmers had to abandon their fields.
- The east India Company's law began to cripple Indian industries. Ram Mohan Roy, a learned person from Bengal understood what was wrong with this country.
- He was attracted by science and modern knowledge. He went to England and fight for the justice of India. But the British continued to oppress Indians.
- In 1818 they had passed regulation III, under it, an Indian could be jailed without trial in a court. During 1835-56 Thomas Macaulay suggested some change in Indian Education. They taught Indians their language. By 1856, British had conquered the whole India.
- Some Indian soldiers in east India Company were ill pleased with the attitude of East Indian Company. A soldier named Mangal Pandey attacked the adjutant of his regiment and executed. In 1857, a violent revolt was out broken. The rebellion spread wider.
- Many landlords lost their lands, because of the British policies . Many rulers like Begum Hazrat Mahal of Lucknow were bitter.
- Popular leaders like Maulvi Abenedulla of Faisabaad, Tantya Tope aroused the people of India to fight against British Raj.