

The following questions represent the main themes I want you to have focused upon while **READING** and **TAKING CLASS NOTES** over the last two weeks. They assume a reading a close reading of chapters one and two, and are aimed also at helping you focus your reading of chapters (three), four and five.

1. Why does partition occur?
2. Why is the partition of PUNJAB so difficult, and why is so much of the violence concentrated there?
3. Why there was not enough army presence to control riots in Punjab and elsewhere?
4. Why there is continued anger among a variety of different groups in India and Pakistan around partition? What issues remained unresolved by partition? (Might be easier to say what issues, if any DID get resolved!)
5. Why do some folks still question whether or not partition was necessary? Why is the question not posed in a similar way in Pakistan?
6. Why was Gandhi not happy with independence celebrations on Aug 15, 1947?
7. Who assassinated Gandhi, and why?

AND, most crucially,

8. WHAT SORT OF NEW NATION STATE WAS EMERGING AFTER BRITISH LEFT? What were the concerns of the new leaders? What was their outlook toward their own people, toward neighbors, toward the larger world?