

Before Reading

BEFORE READING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY 1 BEFORE READING

1 N 2 N 3 Y 4 N 5 Y 6 Y 7 N

ACTIVITY 2 BEFORE READING

In the early 17th century the British set up permanent trading posts in India, each under the protection of a native prince. By the 1850s, they had greatly expanded their influence in the area. In 1857, however, there was a rebellion by Indian soldiers who wanted to restore the Mogul Emperor to power. Although this uprising was unsuccessful, the British took the opportunity to bring most of India under direct rule. Thousands of British officials spent their whole careers in India, administering the country. A movement started by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920 finally led to India's independence from Britain in 1947.

While Reading

CHAPTERS 1 TO 4 WHILE READING

- 1 F Aziz approved of Mrs Moore's respect for religion / Indian tradition.
- 2 F Adela felt ashamed to be an Englishwoman in India.
- 3 F Ronny was annoyed with his mother for criticizing him.
- 4 F Aziz regretted / was horrified that he had invited the ladies to his home.
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- 6 F Fielding welcomed Aziz's offer of friendship.

BY THE END OF CHAPTER 4

- 1 Adela understands Ronny's character better.
- 2 Ronny is happy for Adela to explore India.
- 3 Fielding is accepted by Aziz's friends.
- 4 Mrs Moore has lost her belief in God.
- 5 Aziz is ready to trust Fielding.

BEFORE READING PART TWO

Encourage students to discuss and speculate, but do not confirm their guesses or predictions at this stage. They will find out as they read that the answers are (1) yes, (2) no, (3) no, (4) we don't know.

CHAPTERS 5 TO 8 WHILE READING

- 1 Aziz to Mrs Moore and Adela, about the excursion to the Marabar caves which he has organized with great difficulty and at huge expense.

- 2 Fielding to Aziz, about Aziz's attempt to escape from the railway carriage when he is arrested. Fielding wants to stop him behaving as though he were guilty.
- 3 Mr Turton to Fielding, explaining why he has prevented Fielding from accompanying Aziz to the police station. The British community would never speak to Fielding again if they saw him openly taking the side of the accused.
- 4 Major Callendar to Fielding, pretending that he had not accused Fielding of accepting a bribe from Aziz. He claimed he had meant that Aziz's friends bribed Professor Godbole (to make himself and Fielding arrive too late for the excursion).
- 5 Adela to Mrs Moore, about the echo that she still hears in her head, since her experience in the cave.
- 6 Ronny to Adela, about his mother, who believes that Aziz is innocent. Ronny thinks his mother doesn't know what she is talking about, and he's afraid it might make Adela feel unsure of her evidence.
- 7 Mrs Moore to Adela, about her own loss of faith and Adela's charge of assault. Since being in the cave, she sees no goodness in her life at all, but she is resigned to this. However, she is actively against Adela's accusation, which she sees as an evil act.

BEFORE READING CHAPTER 9

Encourage students to discuss and speculate, but do not confirm their guesses or predictions at this stage. They will find out as they read that number 2 happens.

CHAPTERS 9 TO 13 WHILE READING

- 1 Aziz was cleared because Adela admitted she had made a mistake and so the prosecution was forced to withdraw.
- 2 He was afraid for Adela's safety in the rejoicing Indian crowds, so he felt obliged to look after her. She was totally rejected by the British and had nowhere to go.
- 3 She died on board the steamship taking her back to England, and was buried at sea.
- 4 He was finally persuaded by Fielding, who mentioned Mrs Moore's name in order to encourage Aziz to be generous.
- 5 Because marrying Adela would have ruined his career in India, and also he realized they no longer had any chance of making a happy marriage.

- 6 He suspected that Fielding slept with Adela after the trial. He also suspected Fielding of marrying her on his return to England, perhaps partly as a result of saving her the twenty thousand rupees in compensation.

BEFORE READING PART THREE

Encourage students to discuss and speculate, but do not confirm their guesses or predictions at this stage.

- 1 Adela doesn't marry, but Fielding marries Mrs Moore's daughter Stella.
- 2 Fielding, his wife Stella and her brother Ralph meet Aziz and Godbole two years later in another part of India.

After Reading

ACTIVITY 1 AFTER READING

- 1 Aziz, a doctor, did not want society to punish criminals.
- 2 Cyril Fielding, the local headmaster, did not believe in God.
- 3 Adela Quedsted, a friend of Ronny's, wanted to be as honest as possible.
- 4 Ralph Moore, Ronny's half-brother, always knew when someone was being unkind.
- 5 Hamidullah Begum, Aziz's aunt, was worried about girls being unable to find husbands.
- 6 Mrs Moore, Ronny's mother, liked mysteries but disliked confusion.
- 7 Hamidullah, a lawyer, thought that all Englishmen in India became exactly the same.
- 8 Mr Turton, the city's chief official, expected all English people to take the same attitude as him.
- 9 Ronny Heaslop, the City Magistrate, believed the reason the British were in India was to do justice and keep the peace.
- 10 Mr McBryde, the Chief of Police, thought that natives were more likely to commit crimes because of the effects of their climate.

ACTIVITY 2 AFTER READING

- 1 c Mrs Moore, on leaving the first cave.
- 2 d Adela, just before entering the second cave.
- 3 a Aziz, on the train to Marabar.
- 4 f Fielding, immediately after the arrest.
- 5 e Miss Derek, on the way back to Chandrapore.
- 6 g Professor Godbole, on hearing news of the arrest.
- 7 b Mohammed Latif, after arriving at Marabar.

ACTIVITY 3 AFTER READING

Open answers.

ACTIVITY 4 AFTER READING

Open answers.

ACTIVITY 5 AFTER READING

Any answers are acceptable, provided they fit the sense and the grammar of the passage. Some alternative answers are given in brackets.

My dear Aziz,

Some news that will surprise you. I'm going to marry someone you know. You remember Mrs Moore, who you loved (admired) so much? When I returned to England recently, I got in touch with the children of Mrs Moore's second marriage. I found Stella, her daughter, to be a very unusual (lovely, nice) person. She is very sensitive (kind, gentle, sympathetic) and is quick to understand people's feelings and inner thoughts. To cut a long story short, we fell in love. She has accepted my proposal, despite the slight age difference between us, and our wedding is in a fortnight's time! I know you'll be pleased (delighted, happy) for me.

Yours, Cyril

ACTIVITY 6 AFTER READING

Any answers are acceptable, provided they fit the sense and the grammar of the passage. Some alternative answers are given in brackets.

Dear Mr Fielding,

My friend Aziz has asked me to write a reply to your extremely unwelcome letter (news). He himself is too upset (angry) to put pen to paper. It has been a great (terrible) shock to hear you're planning (intending, going, about) to marry Heaslop's sister. Does your friendship for Aziz mean nothing to you? He loved (respected) and trusted you, but you repay him by insulting him! By taking a wife from that particular family you show (demonstrate, prove) that you do not care about his friendship, and have no respect for his feelings. Let me offer some advice: don't try to be friendly with us natives; just keep (return) to your own people from now on. Aziz hopes never to see you again.

Sincerely, Mahmoud Ali