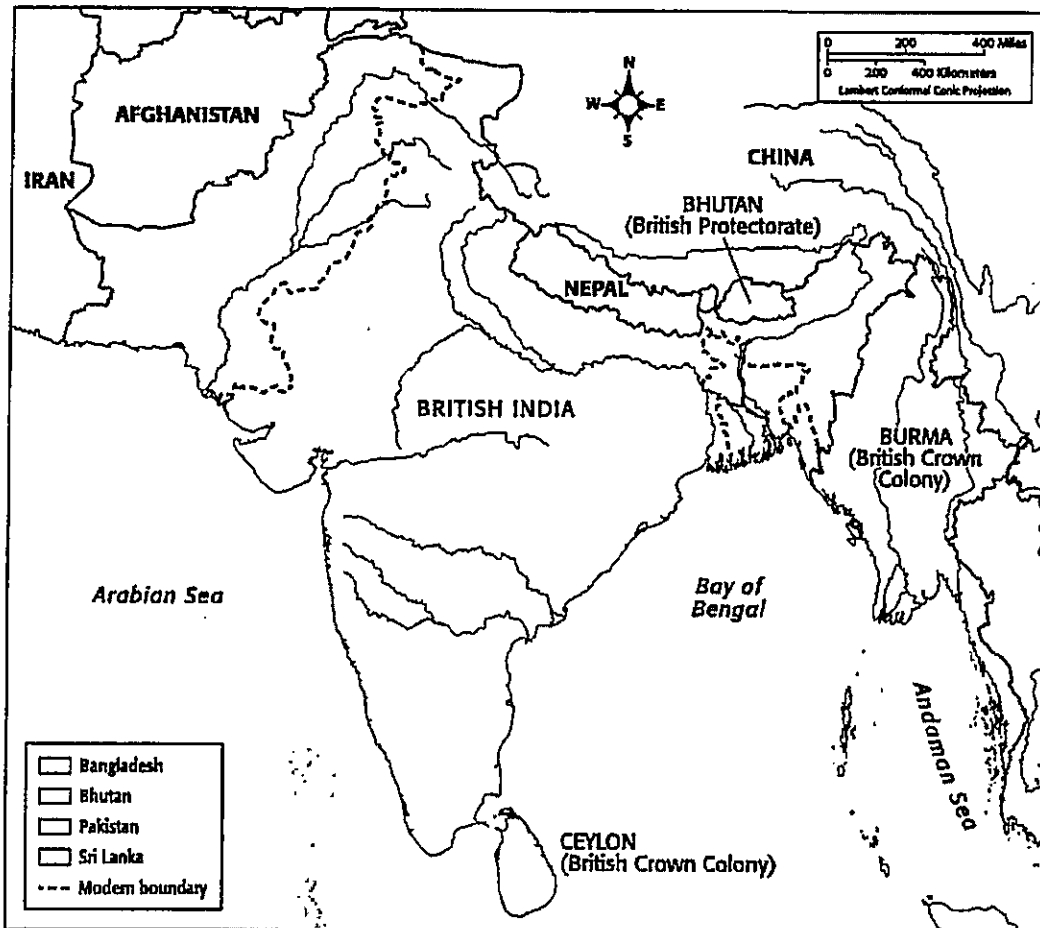


# Decolonization and Division

Britain claimed much of the Indian subcontinent as colonies for many years. Other countries, such as France and Portugal, ruled smaller areas. Much of India was ruled by the British until 1947.



## MAP ACTIVITY

1. The country of Pakistan was partitioned from India in 1947. At the time it included lands that are now Pakistan and Bangladesh. Use a green pencil or marker to show present-day Pakistan.
2. Use a red pencil or marker to show present-day Bangladesh, which became an independent country in 1971.
3. Use an orange pencil or marker to show Sri Lanka, which became independent in 1948. Add a label for Sri Lanka to the map.

4. Use a blue pencil or marker to show present-day Bhutan, which became independent in 1949.
5. Update the map legend to reflect the colors you added to the map.

### **ANALYZING MAPS**

1. **Movement** When the British partitioned India in 1947, millions of Hindus rushed into India and millions of Muslims rushed into Pakistan. Which direction did each group travel?

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2. **Making Inferences** Why would it be hard to divide a country based on religion?

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3. **Sequencing** List Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka in the order they became independent.

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4. **Location** Why might location have played a role in the split between Pakistan and Bangladesh?

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5. **Regions** Based on the map, identify one way Nepal is unique in the region.

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