



## Parent and Educator Guide At-Home Adventures through Asia: India

Welcome to India! We're so excited your young learners are joining us for this Adventure!

In our At-Home Adventures through Asia, we'll be learning:

- To make connections between our lives and ideas in various societies
- To create new understandings about cultures
- To identify the significance of various cultural celebrations
- To explain the relationships that exist between societies and their architecture, art, music, and literature

Please use the notes below to help guide young learners through their introduction to India. Download the accompanying presentation and we'll walk you through each step! Based on the needs of your child, take breaks between the content or spread it out over a few days. Older children can go through on their own, while younger children may need more support. You can stop to search online for pictures and videos.

### Slides 1-2:

Tell your children that it's time to take off to India! Ask them to write down everything they know about India in the "k" column, and then create questions of what they want to learn for the "I" column. Indian food, TV shows, music, clothing are all good places to start.

If they've already completed the At-Home Adventure through other countries, help them create some questions of comparison. What do they predict will be similar, and what will be different?

### Slides 3-6:

India is in South Asia, and is so massive it's considered a subcontinent. Which countries neighbor India? How does it compare in size to other countries we've visited?

After reviewing the diversity of geography, ask where they would most like to visit- the desert, the mountains, the islands, or the rivers? What would they pack?

### Slides 7-8:

Review India's history and add the key rulers to the KWL chart. Ask them if any of the names sound familiar- the Mongols, Gandhi.

India gained independence from British rule in 1947. Ask them to compare the independence movement to other countries we've visited.



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#### Slides 9-10:

Talk about how many different languages your family speaks, and how many different languages there are in the town in which you live. How many official languages does India have? Ask them to guess why there are so many different languages.

#### Break

#### Slide 11-12:

Food is an important part of Indian culture. Look at the pictures on page 11, and ask your child to write down some observations. What colors do they see? What types of food? How is it presented? Do any of them look familiar? What would they most like to try? Using simple ingredients most have at home, you can make Lassis together later in the week.

#### Slides 13-15:

Ask children to pick out their favorite styles. What would they most like to wear? Do any look similar to any clothes your child currently wears? Makes guesses as to what one would wear for specific occasions.

#### Slides 16-17:

Like many other countries we've visited, holidays are an important part of culture and community. Google Diwali, the festival of lights, and Holi. Which celebration would your child like to attend, and why?

#### Slide 18:

Dive deeper into any resources, and don't forget to add any new information to the K-W-L chart.