

Reading: India's Sepoy Mutiny

Task: Carefully read the article and identify specific evidence from the reading that answers the following questions

- 1. Why were the Indian people their “own worst enemy” in “helping” the British conquer them? AND how did this contribute to the failure of the Sepoy Mutiny”**
- 2. What powers of the British East India Company, as an extension of the British government, are evident in the reading?**
- 3. By the mid-19th century why was there a heightened sense of distrust toward the British? Why was rebellion “in the air”?**
- 4. As a result of the Sepoy Mutiny, the British took control of India from the BEIC. However, what is there to suggest that Britain would still incorporate facets of “indirect rule” in its control of the colony?**
- 5. What evidence is there to suggest that the British viewed themselves as superior to the people of India with regard to their battle against them in the Sepoy Mutiny and its aftermath?**

Consider this: Is the event of 1857 in India best named the “Sepoy Mutiny” or the “First Indian War of Independence?”