

Revolution and Nationalism**Section 4**

Nationalism in India and Southwest Asia

Terms and Names

Rowlatt Acts Laws to prevent Indians from protesting British actions

Amritsar Massacre The slaughter of Indians by the British

Mohandas K. Gandhi Leader of the movement for Indian independence from Britain

civil disobedience Disobeying the law for the purpose of achieving some higher goal

Salt March A march to the sea to protest British salt tax

Mustafa Kemal Leader of Turkish nationalists who overthrew the last Ottoman sultan

Before You Read

In the last section, you read about nationalism and civil war in China.

In this section, you will learn about nationalism in India and Southwest Asia.

As You Read

Use a web diagram to identify the styles of government adopted by nations in this section.

INDIAN NATIONALISM GROWS

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Why did feelings of nationalism increase?

Many Indians grew angry at British domination of Indian life. Indian nationalism had been growing since the mid-1800s. Some Indians joined the Congress Party or the Muslim League. These were two groups that worked toward independence.

More than one million Indians served in the British army in World War I. The British promised to make changes to the government of India. These changes would give the Indian people greater control of their own nation. After the war, though, returning Indian soldiers were once again treated as second-class citizens.

Reforms were not made. When Indians protested, the British Parliament passed the **Rowlatt Acts** that allowed protesters to be jailed without a trial. Western-educated Indians believed this to be a violation of their rights.

About 10,000 Indians gathered at the city of Amritsar to protest this act in the spring of 1919. The British had also banned such public meetings. But the crowd was mostly unaware of that fact. British troops fired on the crowd. Several hundred protesters were killed. The **Amritsar Massacre** sparked further protests. Almost overnight millions of Indians changed from loyal British subjects to revolutionaries and nationalists.

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1. What were three reasons for the increase of Indian nationalism?

independence movement gain worldwide support. In 1935, the British finally gave in. They passed a law that allowed local Indian self-government.

2. How did Indians use nonviolence to achieve their goals?

GANDHI'S TACTICS OF NONVIOLENCE; GREAT BRITAIN GRANTS LIMITED SELF-RULE

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What were Gandhi's ideas about nonviolence?

Mohandas K. Gandhi became the leader of India's protest movement. He had attended law school in England. He had a deeply religious approach to political activity. His teachings contained ideas from all of the major religions of the world, including Hinduism, Islam, and Christianity.

Gandhi organized a campaign of noncooperation with the British. It was based on passive resistance, or **civil disobedience**, to unjust laws. He asked Indians to stop buying British goods, attending British schools, paying British taxes, or voting in British-run elections. He also persuaded his followers to take these actions while not using violence. British jails filled with thousands of Indians who broke British laws in order to protest them.

Indians resented a British law that forced them to buy salt only from the government. Gandhi organized a huge march to the sea to make salt by evaporating sea water. This action was called the **Salt March**.

Soon afterward, some demonstrators planned another march. They went to the place where the British government made salt. They wanted to close this site down. The British violently broke up the march. A news story about the event was published everywhere. It helped Gandhi's
