

## ***Chapter-3 Glimpses of the Past***

- *Working with the text*

1. *Do you think the Indian princes were short-sighted in their approach to the events of 1757?*

*Yes, I think that the Indian princes were short-sighted in the events of 1757.*

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2. *How did the East India Company subdue the Indian princes?*

*The East India Company subdued the Indian princes by the help of rivalries.*

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3. *Quote the words used by Ram Mohan Roy to say that every religion teaches the same principles?*

*Words said by Ram Mohan Roy was "Cows are of different colours, but the colour of their milk is the same".*

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4. *In what ways did the British officers exploit Indians?*

*The British officers exploited Indians by forcing them to pay heavy taxes, even in natural calamities like famine and flood. The imported goods from Britain had no import duty, So it was cheaper than the same goods produced in India and exploited the lives of farmers and artisans. They also killed the Indian rulers and established their own kingdom.*

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5. *Name these people.*

- a. *The rulers who fought pitched battles against the British and died fighting.*

*Tipu Sultan.*

- b. *The person who wanted to reform the society.*

*Ram Mohan Roy.*

- c. *The person who recommended the introduction of English education in India.*

*Macauley.*

- d. *Two popular leaders who led the revolt.*

*Maulvi Ahmedulla and Rani Laxmi Bai.*

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6. *Mention the following.*

- a. *Two examples of social practices prevailing then.*

*Child marriage and touchability*

- b. *Two oppressive policies of the British.*

*The British wanted quick profit and heavy taxes from the people and the goods made in England should not have any imported duty when once bought to India.*

- c. *Two ways in which common people suffered.*

*Their business was ruined and they were forced to pay heavy taxes.*

- d. *Four reasons for the discontent that led to the 1857 war of independence.*

*Four reasons for 1857 war of independence were:-*

- i. Subjugation of Indian princess by the British.*
- ii. Oppressive policies of the British on peasants.*
- iii. Ill treatment of the Indians by the British.*
- iv. Exploitation of the Indian culture.*