

Name: _____ Date: Thursday, March 18 Period: _____

ADVENTURE IN INDIA

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Points

Imagine that you have returned from a trip to India. Write a letter to Mr. Miller describing your adventure. Keep in mind that Mr. Miller is most interested in geography and history, so you will need to describe the geographic features and historical sites you visited.

Part 1: Research (5 Points)

You will begin by researching the geography of India so you can make an informed recommendation. Read pages 123 – 131 in *History Alive!* then use the worksheet on the back of this page to write notes about each region of the Indian subcontinent.

Part 2: Write a rough draft of your letter (3 Points)

Write a letter to Mr. Miller that is at least at least 7 sentences long. Be sure to include:

1. A polite greeting (such as "Dear Mr. Miller")
2. A description of five geographic features you visited. You don't have to describe all eight places, just include the five that made the biggest impression on you.
3. A description of a historic site that you visited.
4. A cordial closing ("Sincerely", "Regards", "Best wishes", etc) and sign your name.

Part 3: Make Revisions (2 Points)

Make comments and editing marks on your rough draft to show your revisions.

Part 4: Write a final draft (15 Points)

Write a final draft that is typed or handwritten in black ink. The final draft will be scored on:

1. Including all requirements listed in the rough draft
 - a. **Greeting**
 - b. Descriptions of **five geographic features**.
 - c. Description of **one historic site**.
 - d. **Closing**
2. **Ideas and content:** has clear ideas, accurate information, specific details and creativity.
3. **Word choice:** uses vivid adjectives to describe geographic features. Show, don't tell.



Challenge (5 Points, Required for Spectrum)

Hand draw a map showing the route that you took. The map should include all of the sites you describe in your letter. Draw arrows to show the direction that you traveled. Draw symbols to show what the geography and climate are like in that area. Include a key to explain the symbols.

Part One Worksheet - Research Geographic Features

Read the description of the physical features in *History Alive!*, then write a list of adjectives (describing words) that for each geographic feature.

Physical Feature	Description / Adjectives
Brahmaputra River (page 124)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Deccan Plateau (page 125)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Eastern and Western Ghats (page 126)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Ganges River (page 126)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Himalaya Mountains (page 127)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Hindu Kush Mountains (page 128)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Indus River (page 129)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Thar Desert (page 130)	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>