

Student Worksheet

DIRECTIONS

Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

STORY

Residents of India Blame Pakistan and Their Own Leaders for Attack, 12/02/08

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/july-dec08/mumbai_12-02.html

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What happened in Mumbai, India recently?

2. Why did it take a while for the Indian police forces to end the attack?

3. Why are Indians mad at their own government?

4. What is Lashkar-e-Taiba?

5. How has Pakistan responded to accusations that Pakistanis were involved in the attack?

6. Why does the United States want to remain friendly with Pakistan?

7. What event next year complicates the situation in India?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. Do you believe that the 10 gunmen worked alone? What kind of support do you think they had?

2. Many in India are calling the attack their 9/11. What does that mean? What are the similarities or differences between the two attacks?

3. Do you think India has the right to attack Pakistan or terrorist camps in Pakistan? What would happen if they did?

4. Take a look at these sites on the partition of India and Pakistan, and politics in Pakistan. What do you think is the future of India- Pakistan relations? What can the United States do to diffuse tension between the two countries, while also combating terrorists and extremism?

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/indepth_coverage/asia/partition/
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/indepth_coverage/asia/pakistan/

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.