

# TORN APART

## THE PARTITION OF INDIA

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## Chapter One Activities

*It's October 1947 and Ibrahim and Amar find themselves thrown together during the dramatic changes of the Partition of India. When the British announced they would be leaving India, a feeling of hope bubbled up in towns and villages across the country - they would be free to rule themselves at last. But deciding to split the country in two - Partition - would soon mean so much more.*

### Discussion:

Ibrahim feels many emotions in the first chapter of Torn Apart: The Partition of India, 1947. Write down the sentence that shows each emotion he feels:

*Example:*

*Angry: I balled my hands into fists, crushing Ammi's throw, and squeezed my eyes shut so tight they stung.*

*Sad:*

*Scared:*

*Worried:*

Ibrahim feels it is unfair to leave his home because the country has been divided. What do you think it means to be treated fairly? Is fair always fair to everyone? When have you felt you have been treated unfairly? How did that make you feel?

This story is about two boys from two different religions who come together when their country is being divided. Thinking about your own friends and family, consider your differences and what brings you together.

### Research:

India spent many years under the rule of the British. See if you can research and draw a timeline that led to India gaining independence.

There were many important leaders during this time in India and Pakistan's history. Choose one of the following to research and create a factsheet:

Mohandas Gandhi

Muhammad Ali Jinnah

Jawaharlal Nehru

Lord Mountbatten

### Activities:

This story is set during 1947 before the time of the internet and mobile phones. Imagine living during this time. Write a diary entry about your life during that time.

Imagine you had to leave your home in a rush and you were unable to say goodbye to your friends, just like Ibrahim. Write a letter to a loved one to say goodbye.