The French Revolution obviously had a major impact on Europe and the New World. Historians widely regard the Revolution as one of the most important events in human history. In the short-term, France lost thousands of her countrymen in the form of émigrés, or emigrants who wished to escape political tensions and save their lives. A number of individuals settled in the neighboring countries (chiefly Great Britain, Germany, Austria, and Prussia). However, quite a few also went to the United States. The displacement of these Frenchmen led to a spread of French culture, policies regulating immigration, and a safe haven for Royalists and other counterrevolutionaries to outlast the violence of the French Revolution. The long-term impact on France was profound, shaping politics, society, religion and ideas, and polarizing politics for more than a century. The closer other countries were, the greater and deeper was the French impact, bringing liberalism and the end of many feudal or traditional laws and practices. However, there was also a conservative counter-reaction that defeated Napoleon, reinstated the Bourbon kings, and in some ways reversed the new reforms.

Most of the new nations created by the French were abolished and returned to prewar owners in 1814. However, Frederick Artz emphasizes the benefits the Italians gained from the French Revolution:

For nearly two decades the Italians had excellent codes of law, a fair system of taxation, a unified weights and measures, reformed civil and military or political objectives. Most regions of the world are affected by terror. It can be done for things like revenge, fear, and enthusiasm to prove our particular authority as superior.

Satyagraha is in itself a great way of solving social, economic, political and religious problems. Development and enhancement in the field of science and technology can also become the driving force for such types of communal issues. “The greatness of that nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated”. Unfortunately, nowadays humans are treated like animals and also killed for political resistance. This in turn modernizes the term “Satyagraha” and its principles too. Consequently, the main pillars of this ideology that is trust, non-violence, co-operation and unity get damaged completely.

The only way to make this world a peaceful place is to accept a positive change and also to fight and stand with an ideology which is just in a non violent manner and can spread a positive message across nations.
Adolf Hitler - The Untold Story

Adolf Hitler was a German politician who was the leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany from 1933 to 1945. As dictator he initiated World War II in Europe with the invasion of Poland in September 1939. Hitler was born in Austria, then part of Austria-Hungary, and raised near Linz. He moved to Germany in 1913 and was decorated during his service in the German Army in World War I.

Hitler ruled the Nazi party autocratically by asserting the “leader” principle. The principle relied on absolute obedience of all subordinates to their superiors. Thus he was the only person in government structure as a pyramid, with himself—the infallible leader—at the apex. Rank in the party was not determined by elections—positions were set within a party hierarchy based on age and seniority, those of higher rank, who demanded unquestioning obedience to the will of the leader. Hitler’s leadership style was to give contradictory orders to his subordinates and to place them into positions where their duties and responsibilities overlapped with those of others, to have “the stronger one do the job”. In this way, Hitler fostered distrust, competition, and infighting among his subordinates to consolidate and maximize his own power. His cabinet never met after 1938, and he discouraged his ministers from meeting independently. Hitler typically did not give written orders; instead he communicated verbally, or had them conveyed through his close associates.

“Those who want to live, let them fight, and those who do not want to fight in this world of eternal struggle do not deserve to live.” This famous quote by Adolf Hitler was for the people so that they also became fighters. He believed that that every human being is a born fighter; he starts fighting for his basic rights so then why quit and become a coward. Hitler was a man of principles. He never gave up on his principles; he always ensured that at any given situation he would never compromise on his duties and his ethics.

He was a good military strategist and used his very limited resources to gain more and more power. His war techniques forced Poland and France to surrender within a couple of weeks. Hitler served as a soldier in the First World War and proved to be a good soldier. He was awarded many valor decorations and military promotions.

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Hitler’s greatest quality was his unadulterated patriotism. He dedicated his life to uplifting Germany from a defeated nation to be a dominant nation. His oratory put millions of Germans in frenzy. All were instantly ready to follow him. He motivated Germans to give their best to the country and made it a prosperous nation in less than six years.

Corruption, womanizing and wealth never touched Hitler. He was also a man of extreme conviction, which could be felt in his speeches even if one didn’t understand the language. At uncertain times people are drawn to those who are extremely sure of themselves and convinced of their own beliefs. Hitler wasn’t the sort of person who had any doubts about his mission or ability. He was incredibly single minded. He wasn’t interested in using his position to gain wealth and personal adornments. He was really, really committed to making Germany the world’s superpower even if it meant committing genocide. He was ruthless. There are lots of political leaders in the world who would love to be able to dispose of their political enemies permanently but don’t have the guts. Hitler was happy to have anyone who disagreed with him murdered and to dispose off his political enemies with either the threat of violence or actual violence. It definitely helped him to obtain and hold power. As long as you’re prepared to overlook his total lack of morals, barking insanity and inherently evil ideology he had all the hallmarks of a great leader.

Does India Need a Revolution To Cure its ills?

Everyone knows Hitler as one of the most evil persons on earth, a serial murder and an inhuman person, but very few people know him as a true leader. Many don’t know how good a leader he was and how he single handedly controlled the whole of Germany. He ensured that he always led by example and people follow his instruction.

Parita Naik, FYBA
Train to Pakistan is a highly acclaimed novel by Khushwant Singh, published in 1956. It is a historical novel that tells the touching story of a Sikh dacoit Juggut Singh and a Muslim girl Nooran set amid the historical event of the partition of the country. Singh sets his story in the small fictional village of Mano Majra on the Indian frontier with a composition of an equal majority of Sikhs and Muslims and a handful of Hindus. The village, though remotely located boasts of a railway station, an officer’s bungalow, a mosque and a temple. The three communities have been living peacefully and in harmony with one another since time immemorial. They are simple God fearing people who live in amity with one another and have their own code of conduct which places friendship above all else. It is in this kind of an environment that Juggut Singh aka “Jugga” and Nooran’s love blossoms. Unfortunately Jugga’s history as a dacoit catches up with him when his former gang members come looking for him. They implicate him in the robbery and murder of Lala Ram Lal, one of the few Hindus in the village. Jugga along with Iqbal Singh, an ethnic Sikh who had come to Mano Majra to organize the villagers for the People’s Party of India are arrested due to local suspicion. It is during their time in prison that Mano Majra gets engulfed in the communal violence. The village had so far remained relatively untouched by the violence even as the rest of the country had begun to feel the tremors of partition. When the flood of refugees from across the border start flowing into the villages bringing with them the lamentable stories of displacement, arson, rape and murder it begins to affect the villagers of Mano Majra. Furthermore, the vantage location of the village on the railway line on the swelling Sutlej eventually makes it a center of conflict when a trainload of dead bodies of Sikhs and Hindus reaches their village which propels them to defend their little village from the attacking refugees. Singh reveals the sad truth that due to their circumstances, people were forced to perpetrate violence on one another. The novel recounts how both sides were forced to one another to endure all kinds of trauma; murder, rape and loot. In the midst of all this Hukum Chand, the regional magistrate and deputy commissioner of the district, overhears the plot to derail the train that carries Muslims to Pakistan. Chand releases Iqbal Singh and Jugga to rescue the people on board the train which happens to also have Jugga’s beloved Nooran. Jugga succeeds in saving the people including Nooran on that fateful train but at the cost of his own life.

What should have been a joyful culmination of decades of anti-British struggle eventually culminated in the partition of the sub-continent into two separate nations on sectarian grounds. Further, the event also goes down as a shameful depiction of the animosity between three communities who turned on each other in a fury of religious bigotry. It turned out to be not only an important event in the history of modern India but in world history.
Selfless Love

A woman carried me for months nine
Who crushed her dreams for mine
She struggled to meet my needs with no bounds
Who sacrificed her sleep So I sleep sound

She smiled all the while
Through the journey of miles
She lost to make her identity
Indeed to make my dreams a reality

She always stood by my side
But I was never there for her side
the one who endured her dreams
wasn’t rewarded with a gleam

All that meant her a world,
Wasn’t really bothered of her last word,
Till the time her hands could work she was
Latter then dumped like a destitute

The one who selflessly loved me
was awarded with a selfish me
The one who relinquished her life for me
Couldn’t even get a smiling plea....

- Minal Karani, TY BA

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TRIVIA

- Chandni J. Mehta, SY BA

CROSSWORD (HISTORY)

Black History Month Word Search Game
Find the words pertaining to African-American history and the civil rights movement.


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Did you know...

Sleeping on the left side of the bed makes you more cheerful and positive, study shows.

Did you know...

All the blinking you do in one day is equal to having your eyes closed for 30 minutes.

Did you know...

Aluminum dumped into our landfills today will remain there for over 200 years.

Did you know...

- Comic Strip -

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