
Chapter-14

Understanding Partition

- Sources - Incidents narrated by people.
- Partition or holocaust
 - (i) Communal riots
 - (ii) Refugee problem
- The power of stereotypes - The stereotypes of the extra territorial and Pan Islamic loyalty confused with other objectionable ideas.
- Why partition took place –
 - (i) Mr Jinnah's two nation Theory
 - (ii) Hindu Muslim conflict
 - (iii) British policy of divide and rule
 - (iv) Communal electorates
- Post war development -Muslim league emerged as sole representative of Indian Muslims in the provincial elections.
- Cabinet mission proposal in 1946.
- Direct action day by Muslim league in 1946
- Gendering partition - women were raped, abducted and sold. Families were uprooted.
- Preserving honor - where the men feared that there would be molested by the enemies, they killed their own women.
- Sources: Oral testimonies - narrations, memories, diaries, family history and hand written accounts.

