



Anglo Sikh Heritage Trail
Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future

Queen Victoria & the young Maharajah

A history resource for KS2



Can you name these everyday objects?

What do their names have in common?



The first Indians in Britain



From 1600, when the British East India Company was set up, lots of British people started going to India, as soldiers, sailors and administrators.

But how did the rest of the people in Britain learn about India and Indians?

Think about the different reasons why Indians might have migrated to Britain.

This is the story of one young Indian who migrated to Britain and joined the highest levels of British society.

Charles Henry Seaforth, *East Indiaman Repulse in East India Dock Basin*, 1820, © National Maritime Museum

Maharajah Duleep Singh



In the 1840s, the British were expanding their rule in northern India. When they moved into the Punjab, its ruler, Duleep Singh was just eight years old.

He had come to the throne aged five, after a period of turmoil after the death of his father, Maharajah Ranjit Singh.

His mother, Jind Kaur, was acting as regent, but was not in full control of the *Khalsa*, the Sikh army.

Charles Stewart Hardinge, *Maharajah Duleep Singh*, lithograph, 1847, © British Library. The artist was the son of the British governor-general, Viscount Hardinge.