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Reshaping India's Political Map

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Learn

Between the eleventh and seventeenth centuries, invasions, regional kingdoms, alliances and expanding empires changed political control in the subcontinent. The Delhi Sultanate began in 1206; Vijayanagara was established in 1336; Mughal rule began with Babur's victory at Panipat in 1526. A map is a dated representation of control or claims, not proof that every locality was governed in the same way. Ordinary people experienced warfare, taxation and trade differently.

Worked example

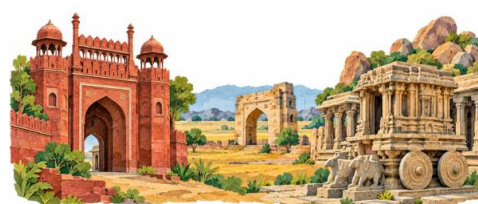
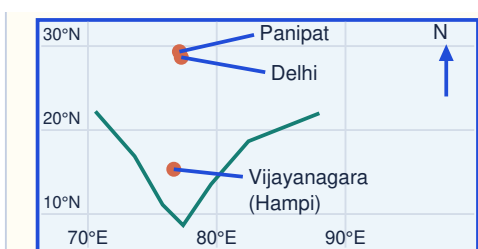
Compare two dated maps using the same geographic reference points. Distinguish a ruler's claimed territory from direct and lasting administrative control.

1. Arrange chronologically: Mughal rule begins, Delhi Sultanate begins, Vijayanagara established.

2. Why must a historical map state its date?

3. Name two ways political boundaries changed.

Places to locate when reading historical maps



Delhi · Panipat · Hampi

1206 · 1526 · 1336 (lesson reference dates)