

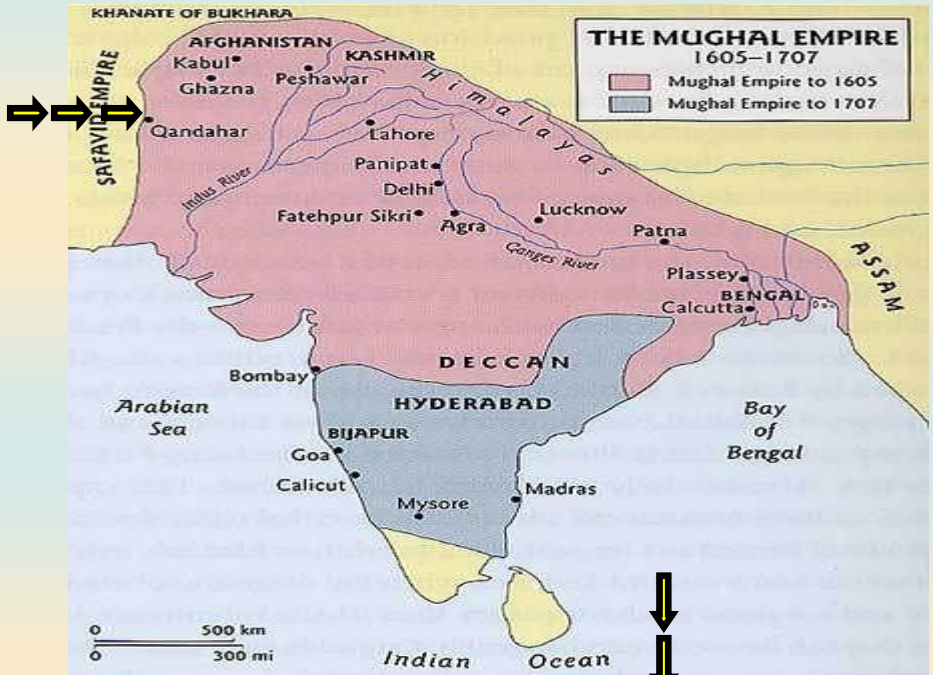
Meta Data of E-Content

AREA OF META DATA	CONTENT
THEME	Through the Eyes of Travellers: Perceptions of Society
SUBJECT	History
LINKAGE OF THEME WITH CHAPTERS(NAME)	Francois Bernier & Travels in the Mughal Empire
CLASS/LEVEL	XII Part II
OBJECTIVES	<p>I. To provoke thought and generate debate in order to understand the cultural, social and political life of people of the concerned period.</p> <p>II. To trace the development of one of the most important literary travel memoir of the seventeenth century</p> <p>III. To understand the past in relation to the present</p>
DESCRIPTION	<p>Francois Bernier was a French doctor, historian, political scientist and traveller. He came to India in 1656 and remained here for twelve years upto 1668. During this period he worked as the personal physician to Mughal prince Dara Shikoh , the elder son of the Mughal emperor Shah Jehan. After Dara Shikoh's death he was attached to the court of the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb. He wrote Travels in the Mughal Empire, which describes mainly about the reign of Aurangzeb. It is based on his own extensive journeys, observations and first hand information gathered from Mughal courtiers.</p> <p>In this book, Bernier has described about the wealth and grandeur of the Mughal Empire. The memorandum of Bernier provided statistical data of the revenues received by the Mughals. He estimated that the combined revenue from the Mughal subas, parganas and sarkars was twenty two Crores.</p> <p>Bernier described Mughal king's appearance in this way, "King appeared seated upon his throne, at the end of the great hall, in the most magnificent attire, his vest was of white and delicately followed satin, with silk and gold embroidery of the finest texture." According to him the Mughal throne was supported by six massy feet of solid gold, sprinkled over with rubies, emeralds and diamonds and the throne valued at four crore rupees.</p> <p>According to Bernier no one met the emperor empty-handed. When he himself met Aurangzeb, he presented him with eight rupees as a mark of respect and offered a knife-case, a fork and a pen-knife mounted in amber to Fazel-khan, a minister on whose decision depended the amount of his salary as physician."</p>

	<p>Bernier suggested that offering presents to the emperor was mandatory. Omrahs or Indian nobles presented magnificent gifts to the king during the festivals and on anniversaries. They were expected to make a valuable present to the king, according to the amount of their pay. Some of Omrahs used this occasion to bribe the king for personal favours. They used the opportunity sometimes for the sake of an ostentatious display, sometimes to divert the king from instituting an inquiry into the exactions committed in their official situations and sometimes to gain the favour of the king and by that means obtain an increase of salary.</p> <p>Bernier described the manner in which the ambassadors entered the court of Aurangzeb. He witnessed that the ambassadors at a distance made a Salam or Indian act of obeisance placing the hand thrice upon the head and as often dropping it down to the ground. They then approached near to the emperor Aurengzeb to hand over the letters to him. The letters were presented to the king, who after having perused the contents commanded that the ambassadors should be given a Serapah or vesture from head to foot, namely, a vest of brocade, a turban, and a sash or girdle.</p>
KEY WORDS	Doctor, Historian, Political Scientist, Traveller, Serapah, Omrah , Memorandum, Courtiers, Subas, Parganas, Sarkars, Salam, Ambassador
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Bernier's Travel

**ARRIVAL IN INDIA
1656**



**DEPARTURE FROM INDIA
1668**

(TO FRANCE)



BERNIER

Doctor

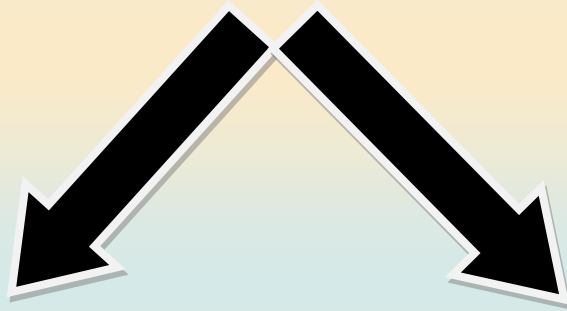
Traveller

Historian

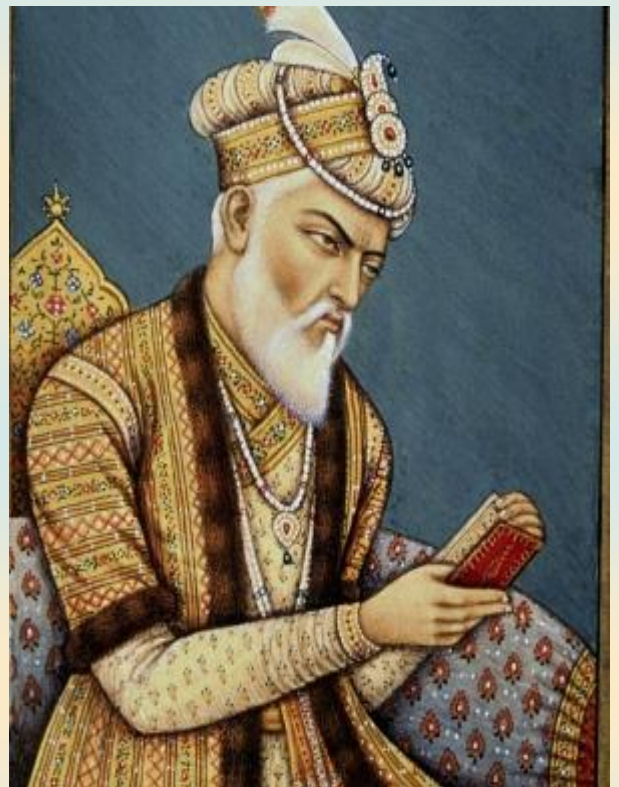
**Political
Scientist**



BERNIER APPOINTED **Personal Physician** **of**



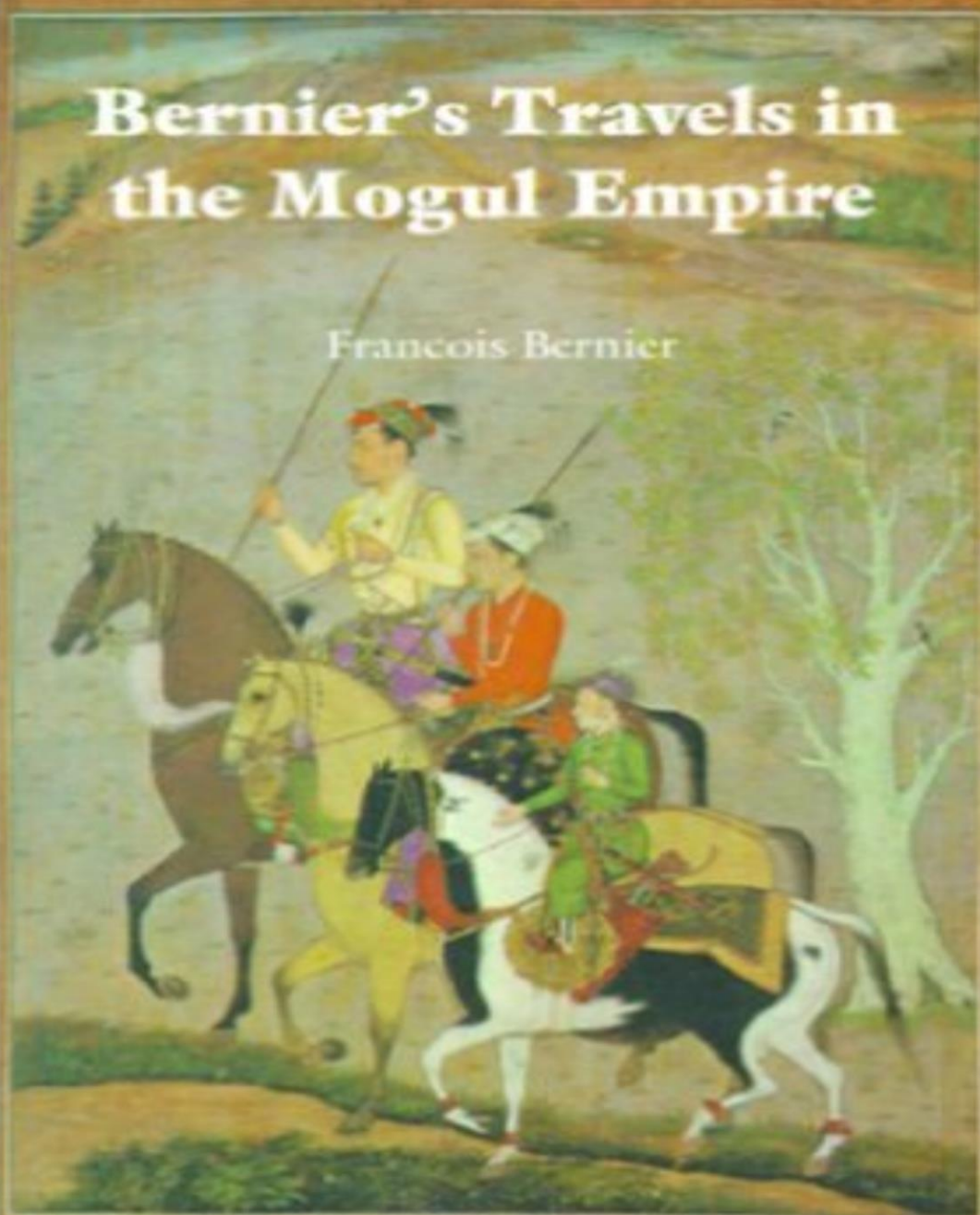
Dara Shikoh



Aurangzeb

Bernier's Travels in the Mogul Empire

Francois Bernier



Provincial Administration



Subah
(Ruled by Governor)



Sarkar
(Ruled by Faujdar)



Pargana

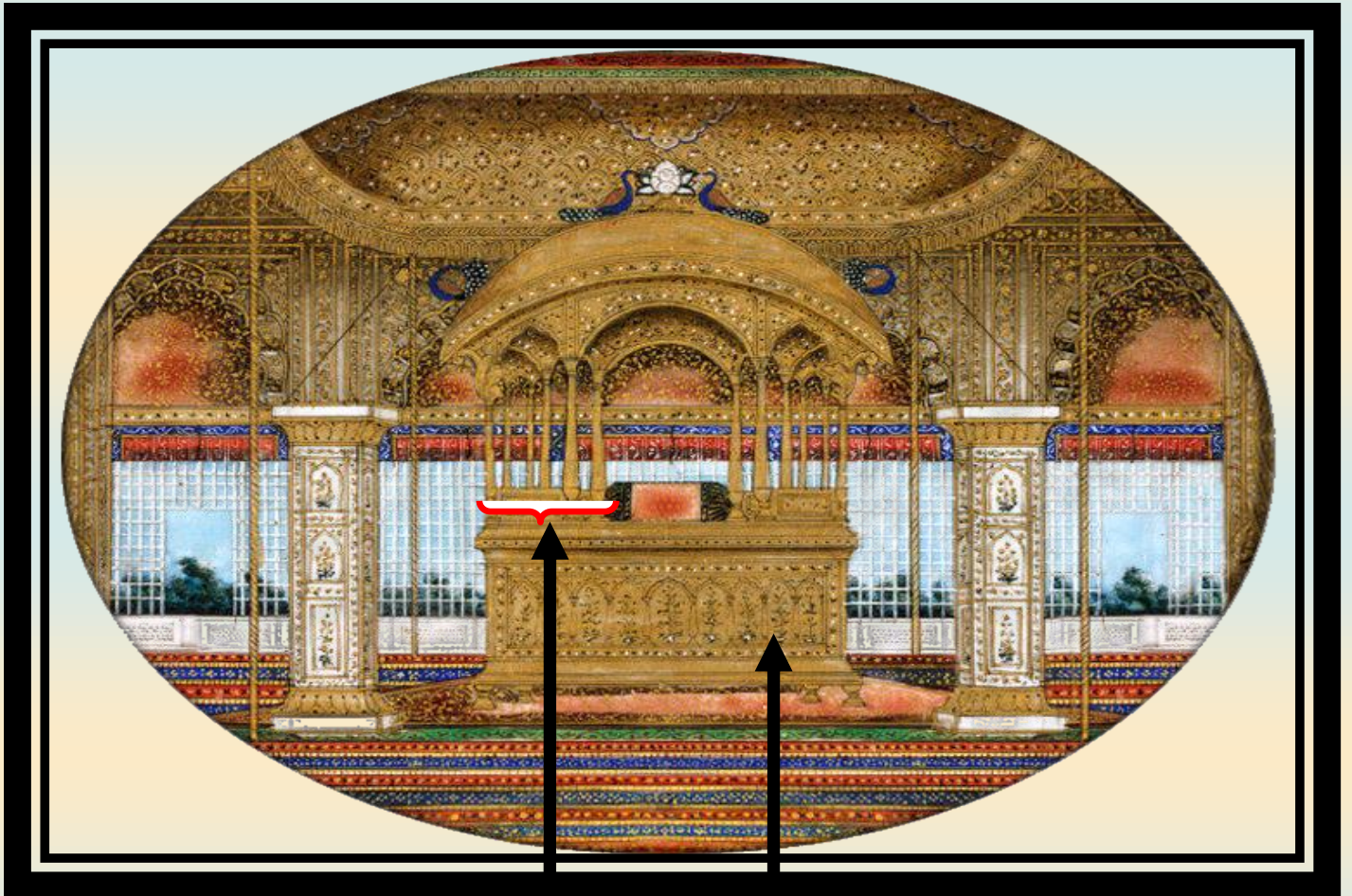


Qanungo

Chaudhuri

Qazi

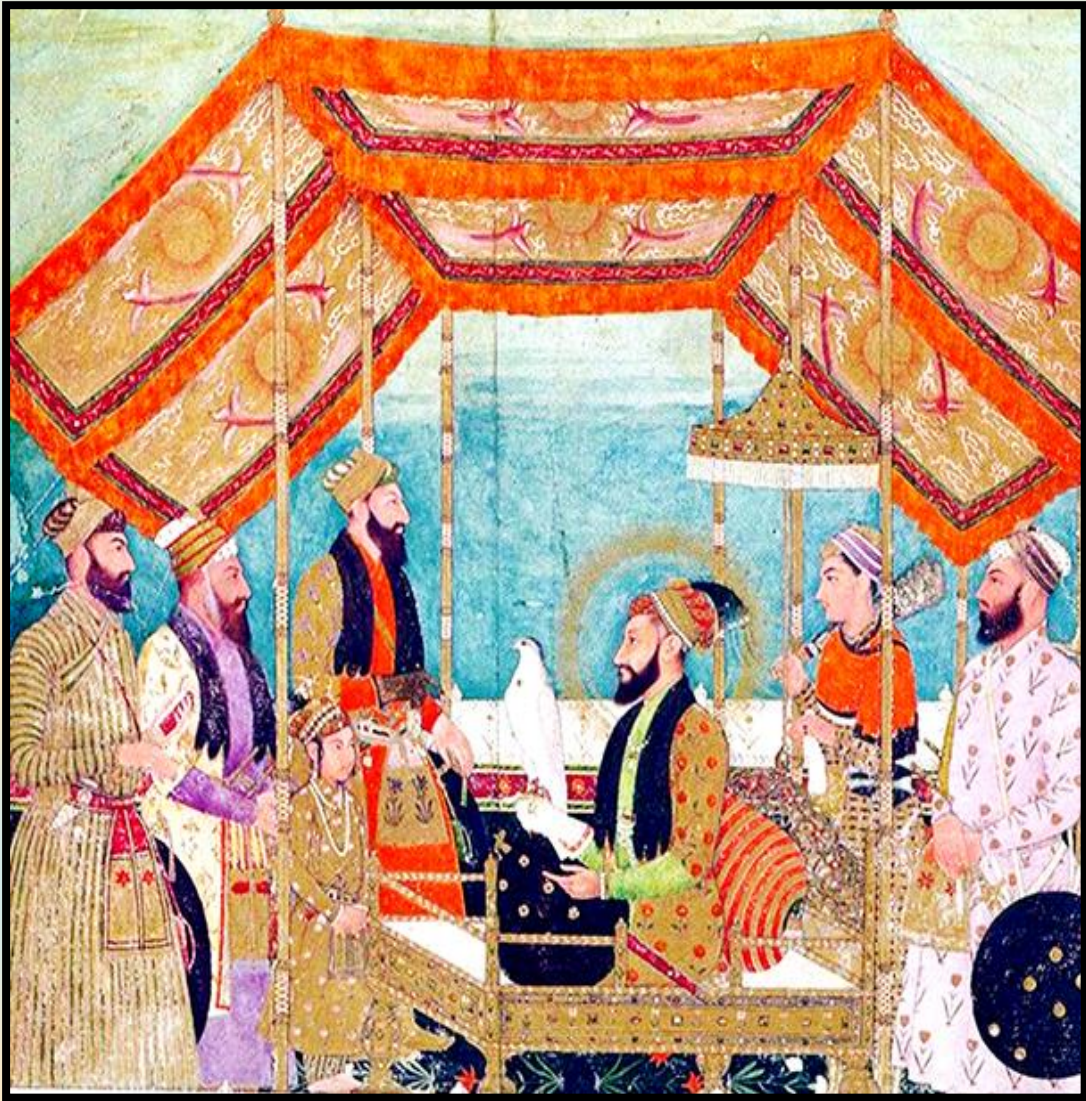
THRONE OF MUGHAL KING



**Six massy feet of
solid gold**

**Rubies, Emeralds and
Diamonds**

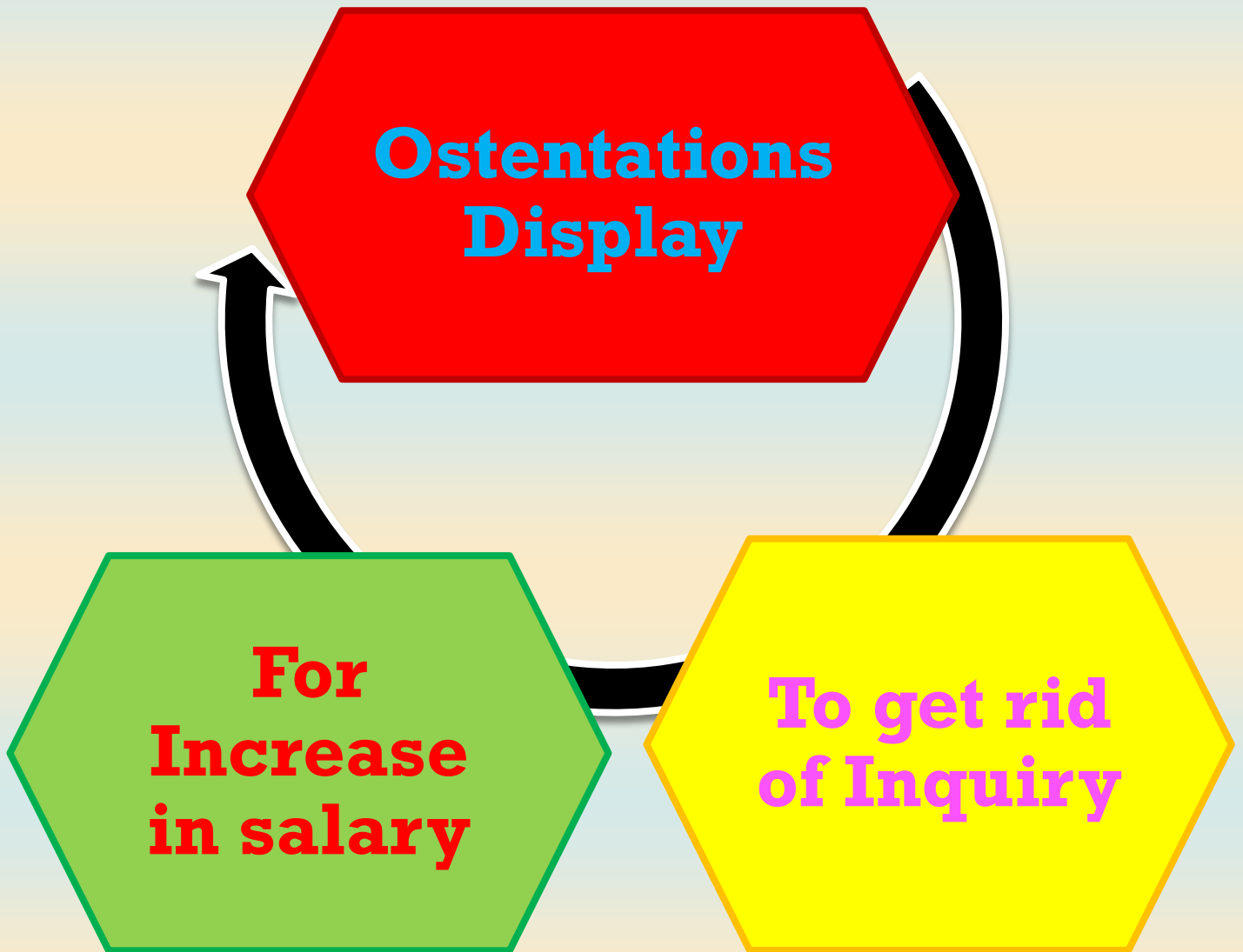
BERNIER MEETING AURANZEB



NOBLES PRESENTING GIFT TO THE MUGHAL KING



REASONS FOR OFFERING PRESENTS TO THE KING



Act of Obeisance



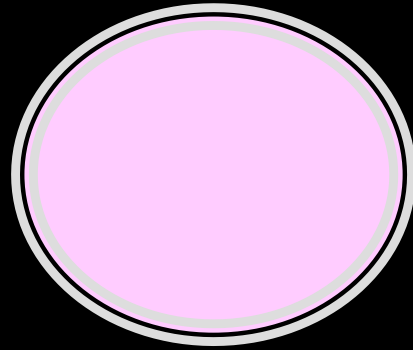
Notice the visitor touching earth with both hands

Notice extended hands of the emperor in acceptance

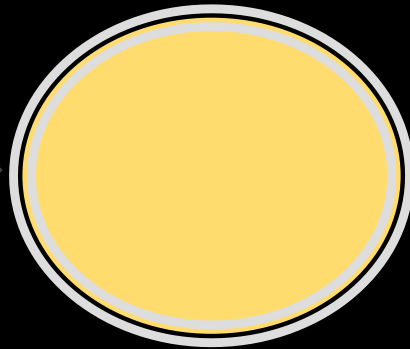
ACTIVITY 1

Choose correct picture against the given names from the following set of pictures:

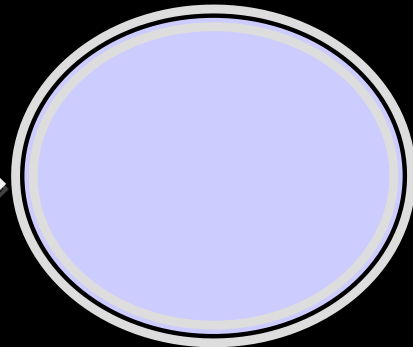
A. Mughal throne



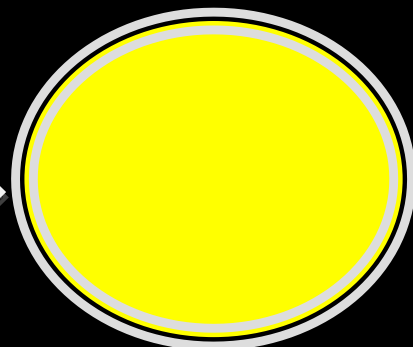
B. Auranzeb

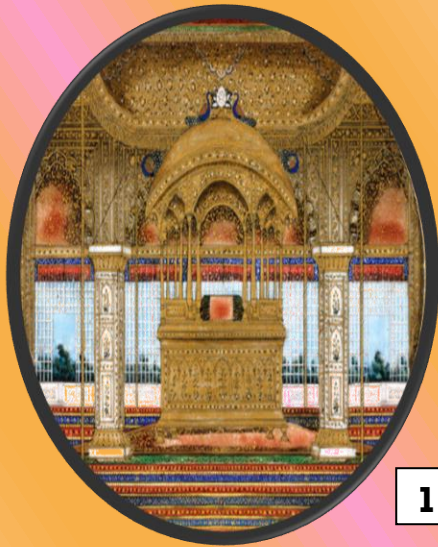


C. Dara Shikoh



D. Bernier





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ANSWERS

A- 1

B- 7

C- 4

D- 6

NOTE FOR CIET

1. Students should be able to drag and drop the correct picture from box in front of its appropriate name given.
2. If the student places picture with its appropriate name, it should get labelled there.
3. If the student places incorrect picture against its appropriate name, it should remain unlabelled and picture picked should drop back to the box containing all pictures and the screen should display
“TRY AGAIN”
4. After labelling all the names correctly with its appropriate picture the screen should display
“WELL DONE”

ACTIVITY-2

Use the following hints to identify the names of related persons/ things. Place the correct picture and its name in the box taking the help of following hint box.

QUESTION 1

Hint 1

1. He was a French doctor, historian, political scientist

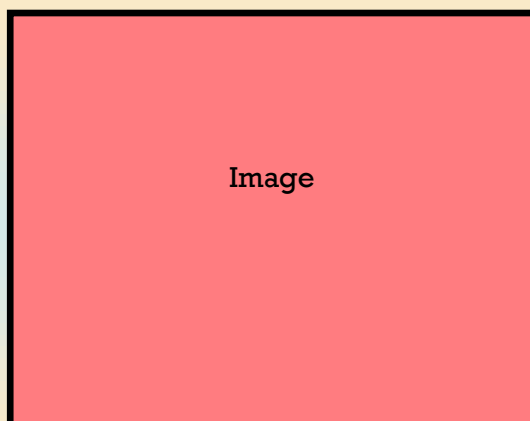
Hint 2

2. He came to India in 1656

Hint 3

3. Remained in India for 12 years upto 1668

ANSWER:



QUESTION 2

Hint 1

1. It had six massy feet of solid gold

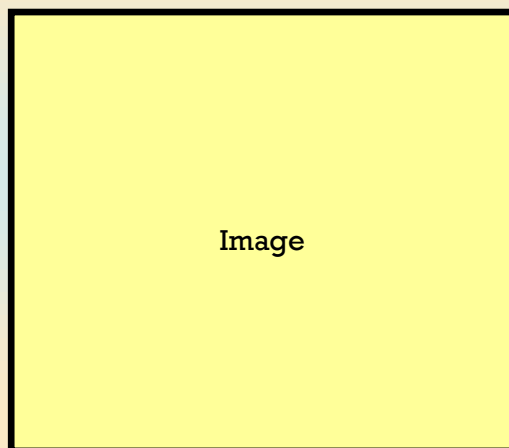
Hint 2

2. Sprinkled over with rubies, emeralds and diamonds.

Hint 3

3. Valued at 4 crore rupees.

ANSWER:



QUESTION 3

Hint 1

1. No one met him empty handed

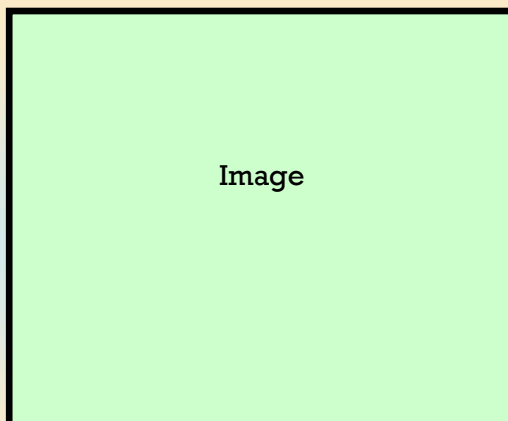
Hint 2

2. Bernier presented him eight rupees as a mark of respect and a knife-case.

Hint 3

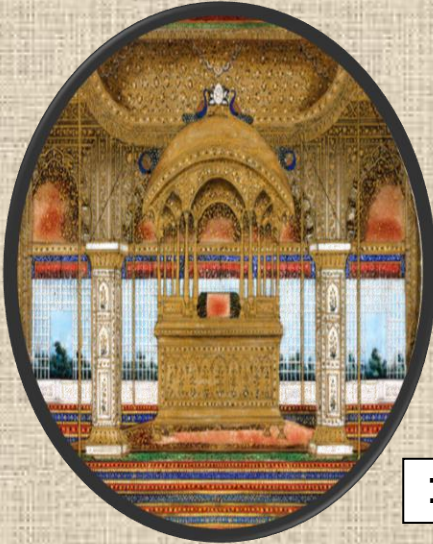
3. Offering presents to him was mandatory.

ANSWER



Image

IMAGE BOX:



1



2



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ANSWERS

Answer 1

- Francois Bernier (pic no.3)

Answer 2

- Mughal throne (pic no.1)

Answer 3

- Aurangzeb (pic no. 5)

NOTE FOR CIET

1. Each question has three hints which remain hidden. Buttons called 'HINT 1', 'HINT 2' and 'HINT 3' should be provided for each hint of the questions. On clicking the hint button, corresponding hint should appear on the screen.
2. The students have to answer the name correctly as well as select (drag and drop) the

correct image (from the image box) corresponding to the answer.

3. If the student is able to answer the name correctly by using one hint only, he/she should be awarded 10 points.

If the student answers the name correctly by using two hints, he/she should be awarded 07 points.

If the student answers the name correctly by using three hints, he/she should be awarded 05 points.

4. Additional 10 points should be awarded for choosing correct image from the picture box.