The India Partition represents one of history's most profound tragedies, characterized by sorrow, betrayal, violence, and a blatant disregard for responsibility. This pivotal event has indelibly shaped the India we know today. Despite my Indian roots, my understanding of the Indian Partition was just on par with that of my non-Indian peers. Thus, upon encountering the theme 'Rights and Responsibilities', I was compelled to explore how there had been so many incidents in India's history where responsibilities were ignored and rights were murdered. From there, after careful consideration of various topics, I chose the Indian Partition—an event that, while relatively recent, remains deeply compelling. And, it could be a perfect way for me to learn about my own family's background. So there I had it: the Indian Partition, ready for me to create a website about it.

When I began my research, I found various photos online displaying the deadly effects of the Partition. One of my favorite primary sources was *oldindianphotos.in* which gave me several photos to use on my website. Additionally, I visited our local library and was able to find many books on the 1947 India Partition. I also got the JSTOR subscription for a couple of months. I was also able to conduct personal interviews with Harish Kumar (Indian), Sean Towers (British), and Ifra Perwaiz (Pakistani), all with some connection to the Indian Partition. It was a great addition to my website to gain varied perspectives about the partition. The biggest challenge I experienced was word count, but after thorough analysis, I managed to keep the most *important* aspects. Time management was another one, but my love for history kept me going.

I chose to make a website because I have always been a very tech-savvy person and I've worked with similar apps before, including Google Sites. Making a website was a way I could explore my love for technology. Plus, it's a perfect amount of writing: not as much as a paper, but not as little as an Exhibit.

My historical argument centers on the assertion that the Indian Partition was an unprecedented tragedy, resulting in the loss of millions of lives and irrevocably altering countless others. This catastrophic event underscores a critical lesson: the gross neglect of responsibilities inevitably leads to the violation of rights, resulting in devastating consequences. The neglect of responsibilities by people and leaders—both British and Indian—allowed self-serving interests to supersede the welfare of the populace, leading to communal violence and deep-seated animosity between communities.

My topic strongly connects to the theme 'Rights and Responsibilities' as the neglect of governmental and societal duties led to egregious rights violations. Fundamental rights, including the right to life, security, and property, were obliterated as the Partition unfolded. The leaders of the time, motivated by political expediency, betrayed their commitments to their constituents. People neglected their social responsibilities, immensely contributing to the increased violence. The social fabric, woven with decades of friendship and coexistence, was torn apart, fostering an environment of hostility and distrust.