

Dear Parents

Are you facing Lockdown boredom?

How about checking out some of these mini-documentaries on India produced during the British Raj?

These mini-documentaries (each lasting around 10 mins) try to showcase the rich & diversified culture of the wonder called India, which could neither be classified as a country nor a continent.

Since these were produced by British filmmakers, one can obviously find certain biases in their interpretation, which can be safely ignored. For example, in many instances, the narrator would call Indian traditions as weird and bizzare, which is basically a reflection of the British thought process and their opinions about India. Such opinions can be ignored, but the rare video footage in all these documentaries are actually treasure troves which might further enhance our knowledge about India during the British Raj.

While some of these mini documentaries are silent and accompanied with text, the rest have narration with elegant, energetic masculine voices, which was the norm those days for commentators and news-readers, along with classical jazzy music, adding more flair to the videos.

All the videos are available on Youtube, the links to which are as follows:

Temples of India (1938)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VI-l-dn_hFA

A Road in India (1938)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOsv6kWGxGI>

Delhi (1938)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiSFxKMO_2Q

Sacred Elephants of India (1934)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zK3WfybMWko>

Benares and the Ganges River (1931)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1U6YG1YYr0>

A Punjab Village (1925)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aAdVenXVxs>

Romance of India (1941)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwZ9LDYaC4U>

Gateway To India, Bombay (1932)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ob8n_Aaog58

Colorful Jaipur (1932)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tWKHlw1guAI>

The Temple of Love (1932)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QpXAUJIFT4s>

India - The Punjab (1940)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbQmY0Y5EAE>

East of Bombay (1937)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAP9B_jfu48

Lion-Tiger fight (1946)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJhd4F6YO90>

The following mini-documentaries were produced after Indian independence:

India (1951)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfWfA9hsNt0>

Magicians of India (1950s)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BW5329viMA>

Heritage of India (1950s)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klOtwfgQK8A>

Mystic India (1950s)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfJW92zBebo>

Inside India (1950s)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9IQJxz-3vuc>

Happy viewing!!