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I love creating unit studies to help provide a rich world to explore. I don't view learning as something finite, or that has an end, so I don't worry about finishing or doing everything. But I love finding a lot of resources for my kids to explore, without the worksheets or quizzes. If you're looking for worksheets, you will be disappointed. Still, if you want diverse lists of resources: books, movies, documentaries, TV shows, websites, and subscriptions, then this unit study is for you. Please do not feel that your child needs to read every book or watch every movie. There are picture books, comic books, early readers, and chapter books of a variety of lengths, so some books will not be appropriate for your child. The same goes for the rest of the resources. Pick and choose what is available to you, what you think your child will enjoy, and what will help the unit study be successful for you. At the same time, don't be afraid to substitute; this is by no means an exhaustive list. Also note that the books can be read by the child, either in print or on an e-reader, read by the caregiver to the child, or listened to by the child as an audiobook. Whatever works for your child is fine.

Some subscriptions my family has used during our country unit studies, and what I think of them:

Miss Maisy's Tasty Travels - this is by far my favorite subscription we've gotten. It's a monthly letter with four recipes, each from a different country or location.

Little Passports - We got this for two years and kept everything, so you'll see I include it in some of the unit studies. It's not my favorite, but it might be a great fit for you. There is a letter, but also a worksheet and one recipe. Each month is from a different country and comes with a small toy or activity and access to a website with more information about the country.

Around the World Stories - If you have auditory learners, this is excellent! Four ~30-minute stories from each of the countries they feature. However, they seem to have stopped creating new stories part way through Asia, so you might want to be cautious about purchasing the Asia stories.

Letters from Afar - we do not have this subscription service, but I have included them in my unit studies, as I have heard nothing but amazing things about them.

Parts Unknown is a TV show, and I really like it. There is some language, so you may want to pre-watch for young learners. It is available to purchase streaming rights on Amazon. It is mostly about food in different areas but also goes into some social and political issues.

Curiosity Stream is all documentaries, and they regularly have sales for just \$12/year! This is one of my family's favorite resources.

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Book List:

Title	Author	# Pgs	Illustrated	Fiction/ Nonfiction
The Mystery of the Suspicious Spices	Paris, Harper	112	yes	fiction
I am Gandhi: a graphic biography of a hero	Meltzer, Brad	unpaged	color	Nonfiction graphic novel
India	Blevins, Wiley	32	color	nonfiction
India	Nardo, Don	144	color	nonfiction
India	Perkins, Chloe	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Gandhi for Kids: his life and ideas, with 21 activities	Mahoney, Ellen Voelckers	134	yes	nonfiction
Uncovering the Culture of Ancient India	Wood, Alix	32	color	nonfiction
A Sari for Ammi	Nainy, Mamta	unpaged	color	fiction
Gandhi	Saklani, Juhi	72	yes	nonfiction
India	Goulding, Sylvia	48	color	nonfiction
The Bridge Home	Venkatraman, Padma	194	no	fiction
Monuments of India	DK Findout!	64	color	nonfiction
The Forest Man: the true story of Jadav Payeng	Matheson, Anne	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Ashoka the Fierce: how an angry prince became India's emperor of peace	Kanjuro, Carolyn	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Boys Without Names	Sheth, Kashmira	316	no	fiction
Teens in India	Shores, Lori	96	color	nonfiction?
Illustrated Atlas of India: a visual guide to the land, its people and culture	DK Publishing	128	color	nonfiction

A Pair of Twins	Mandana, Kavitha	unpaged	color	fiction
Tiger's Destiny	Houck, Colleen	447	yes	fiction
Gandhi	Bailey, Diane	128	color	nonfiction
Be the Change: a grandfather Gandhi story	Gandhi, Arun	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Thukpa For All	Praba Ram	unpaged	color	fiction
Village Life in India: past and present	Misra, Bidyadhar	168	no	nonfiction
Mangoes, Mischief, and Tales of Friendship: stories from India	Soundar, Chitra	179	yes	fiction
Mother Teresa	Sanchez Vegara, Ma Isabel	unpaged	color	nonfiction
The Night Diary	Hiranandani, Veera	264	no	fiction
The Monkey and the Crocodile: a Jataka tale from India	Galdone, Paul	32	color	fiction
Ahimsa	Kelkar, Supriya	307	no	fiction
96 Words For Love	Roy, Rachel	302	no	fiction
Desert Girl, Monsoon Boy	Dairman, Tara	unpaged	color	fiction
Child of Spring	Zia, Farhana	188	no	fiction
The Conch Bearer	Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee	265	no	fiction
Hope is a Girl Selling Fruit	Das, Amrita	32	color	fiction
Thread of Love	Sehgal, Kabir	unpaged	color	fiction
Holi Hai!	Soundar, Chitra	32	color	fiction
Where Three Oceans Meet	LaRocca, Rajani	unpaged	color	fiction
Darkness Everywhere: the assassination of Mohandas Gandhi	Doeden, Matt	80	yes	nonfiction
111 Trees: how one village celebrates the birth of every girl	Singh, Rina	36	color	nonfiction

Poisoned Air: Bhopal, India	Goldish, Meish	32	color	nonfiction
Mother Goose Goes to India	Sehgal, Kabir	32	color	fiction
The Secret Kingdom: Nek Chand, a changing India, and a hidden world of art	Rosenstock, Barb	37	color	nonfiction
Strong as Fire, Fierce as Flame	Kelkar, Supriya	314	no	fiction
Chainbreaker	Sim, Tara	478	yes	fiction
A Taste of Freedom: Gandhi and the Great Salt March	Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody	unpaged	color	nonfiction
The Lion Queens of India	Reynolds, Jan	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Pashmina	Chanani, Nidhi	161	color	Fiction (graphic novel)
The Jungle Book	Kipling, Rudyard	305	yes	fiction
Monkey Play	Capucilli, Alyssa Satin		color	fiction
A Time to Dance	Venkatraman, Padma	307	no	fiction
Thea Stilton and the Prince's Emerald	Stilton, Thea	157	color	fiction
The Emerald Casket	Newsome, Richard	359	yes	fiction
The Savage Fortress	Chadda, Sarwat	292	no	fiction
A Crazy Day with Cobras	Osborne, Mary Pope	112	yes	fiction
Tigers at Twilight	Osborne, Mary Pope	71	yes	fiction
The Pear of Bengal	Stevenson, Steve	124	yes	fiction
Seven Golden Rings: a tale of music and math	LaRocca, Rajani	unpaged	color	fiction
Born Behind Bars	Venkatraman, Padma	265	no	fiction

Word Travelers and the Taj Mahal Mystery	Haldar, Raj	118	yes	fiction
I'll Go and Come Back	LaRocca, Rajani	32	color	fiction
The Mirror of Fire and Dreaming	Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee	327	yes	fiction
Rikki-Tikki-Tavi	Pinkney, Jerry	unpaged	color	fiction
God Loves Hair	Shraya, Vivek	110	color	fiction
You're Safe With Me	Soundar, Chitra	32	color	fiction
Colour Carnival	Aggarwal, Shwela	unpaged	color	fiction
Who Was Mother Teresa?	Gigliotti, Jim	105	yes	nonfiction
Who Was Gandhi?	Rau, Dana Meachen	105	yes	nonfiction
Between Two Worlds: the art and life of Amrita Sher-Gil	Sriram, Meera	40	color	nonfiction
I am Gandhi	Meltzer, Brad	unpaged	yes	nonfiction
Homeless Bird	Whelan, Gloria	216	no	fiction
10 Gulab Jamuns: counting with an Indian sweet treat	Acharya, Sandhya	unpaged	color	fiction
Manjhi Moves a Mountain	Churmin, Nancy	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Holi Colors	Singh, Rina	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Rock by Rock: the fantastical garden of Nek Chand	Bradbury, Jennifer	48	color	nonfiction
Grandfather Gandhi	Gandhi, Arun	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Indira Gandhi	Schupack, Sara	96	color	nonfiction

TV Shows:

Parts Unknown, S3 E1

The Good Karma Hospital (not rated, pre-watch, may not be appropriate for all kids/families)

Indian Matchmaking (rated TV-14)

Never Have I Ever (rated TV-14)

The Big Day (rated TV-14)

Street Food: Asia, E3
The Indian Detective (rated TV-14)

Possible Subscriptions:

Around the World Stories (they did finish these stories)
Little Passports (month 9)

Movies:

Name	Length	Rating	Fun/Documentary
Families of India	29 mins	N/R	documentary
Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom	118 mins	PG	fun
The Forest Man	16 mins	N/R	documentary
The Jungle Book (2016)	106 mins	PG	fun
Where Three Oceans Meet	17 mins	N/R	fun
Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham...	209 mins	TV-14	Bollywood
Baaghi	127 mins	TV-14	Bollywood
Khoobsurat	121 mins	TV-14	Bollywood
Rooting for Roona	41 mins	TV-PG	documentary
Taare Zameen Par	162 mins	PG	fun
Jodhaa Akbar	213 mins	TV-14	Historical romance
3 Idiots	223 mins	PG-13	drama
Skater Girl	109 mins	PG	drama

Documentaries from Curiosity Stream:

Planet of Treasures, E2
The World of Bridges
Crash Course World History, E6, 18, 40
Crash Course World History II, E13, 17, 28
Crash Course History of Science, E4
Wildest India
Dangerous Borders
Hot Roads, S1 E1
Butterfly Effect, S3 E6

Dream Routes, E1
Mumbai Railway
Empire (about Britain, but since they colonized India, I think it's relevant)
Sky River of the Himalayas, E2
Sacred Spaces, E1
Children of the Wild
Locust Swarm
The Ascent of Woman, E3
Ancient Engineering, E10

Recipes:

Phirni
Paneer Tikka Masala (cottage cheese curry)
Aloo Matar (potato curry)
Kadai Paneer
Gujarati Dal
Butternut Squash and Peas Sabzi
Vegetable and Chickpea Coconut Curry
Palak Paneer Stir Fry
Aloo Gobi
Kaju Masala Curry (cashew curry)
Sweet Punjabi Lassi (beverage)
Beef Biryani
Ragi Aapam (pancake)
Kovakkai Poriyal (ivy gourd with grated coconut)
Boondi Raita (snack)
Karuveppilai Kuzhambu (curry gravy)
Achari Bhindi (okra, tomato, and yogurt)
Sabudana Khichdi (pilaf)
Matar Paneer
Pindi Chole
Bhindi Fry

Websites:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/india> - a great FREE resource, particularly for younger kids!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEy6tcU6eLU&ab_channel=GeographyNow

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RhRokdQtoo&ab_channel=GeographyNow

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r0JjEK_eKSo&ab_channel=GeographyNow

<http://radio.garden/visit/india/BOs9FZg4> - listen to India's radio stations!

https://online.culturegrams.com/world/world_country.php?cid=75&cn=India - an excellent resource, particularly for older students

<https://www.india-in-your-home.com/Indian-food.html> - tons of info about India; this is their page on food.

<https://www.indianfoodforever.com/> - more recipes

<http://www.recipesindian.com/> - many recipes

<https://www.cookwithmanali.com/category/recipes/indian-main-course-vegetarian-recipes/>

<https://www.india.gov.in/>

<https://dot.gov.in/useful-links>

<https://tourism.gov.in/>

<https://www.indiatouristoffice.org/>

Other Resources:

Purple Rocket Podcasts, My Grandpa's Globe, E12:

<https://purplerocketpodcast.com/2018/03/26/episode-12-colorful-india/>

Holi is the festival of colors; the date is variable