

Thursday, March 26

2:00pm India – Nature's Wonderland, Part 1 - 4th thru 8th grade

Join a journey through India to discover its rich culture and rare wildlife. Experience a ritual tiger dance and see lions, elephants and India's only ape -- the hoolock gibbon. Then climb to the Himalayas where the Ganges River begins.

After watching this episode, choose from the following questions and/or tasks to extend your learning

- Describe India's rich culture.
- Why is a country's culture important to them?
- Describe the ritual tiger does? Why is this dance important Indian culture?
- What American culture and traditions are important to you? Why?
- Make a list of India's rare wildlife. Make a trifold, citing each animal's characteristics, living biome, and its part in the food chain.
- (ELD) Select five new words from the episode and find their definition in a dictionary. Practice reading the definition to yourself aloud or to your family. Then, try to identify the root word, prefix, or see if it is a compound word.
- Map and describe the climb up the Himalayas. Provide mile markers along the way and one interesting fact at each stop.
- How long would it take to climb the Himalayas if you traveled along these mile markers? Justify your reasoning mathematically.
- Choose a different ape to research. Compare and contrast with the hoolock gibbon in the episode. (ELD) To compare one subject to another, you show how the two are alike and you can use these words: "similar to, same, in the same way, have in common, similarly, as well as". When you contrast two subjects, you show how they are different and you can use these words: "although, however, while, instead, on the contrary, on the other hand."
- Find a photograph of a hoolock gibbon. Try your hand at sketching the ape by looking at the picture.
- Learn more about the Himalayas at https://kids.kiddle.co/Himalayas. What is unique about this part of the world? Present your findings to your family.

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