GEOGRAPHY ACTIVITY SIX: SIGNING UP! PLOT YOUR JOURNEY FROM RAWALPINDI TO LONDON

Learning Objectives
- To use atlases and maps to locate countries and describe features;
- To plot the journey that one soldier used to travel from India to London.

Resources
- Blank world maps (Print them out A3 size)
- Atlases
- Coloured pencils

Introduction
Soldiers came from all over the British Empire to support the war effort. They travelled by ship, train, and horse and cart. This activity is to plot the journey that 14-year-old Hardit Singh Malik made when coming to England in 1908 to go to school. Hardit Singh Malik's journey had many parts:
- Rawalpindi across British India to Bombay
- Bombay to Marseilles
- Marseilles to Calais
- Calais to Dover
- Dover to Charing Cross
- Charing Cross to a boarding house in West Kensington

Do be aware that Malik was a very wealthy young man whose father was a contractor with the railways.

MAIN TASKS
1. Research the different forms of travel that were available in 1908. Were they the same in each country?

2. On a blank World Map, using your atlases, plot the main points of his journey. Remember that some names have changed, and that borders between countries have changed. If the capital city of a county he travels through isn't already marked, mark it on the map.

3. Find the Suez Canal – mark it on the map.

4. Check for geographical features that might make a journey difficult e.g. if Malik was taking a train, is there a mountain or a lake in the way?

5. Create a key for the different transportation methods that Malik will be using on his journey. Don't forget the method of transport that he will need to take to get to a mass

transport system (i.e. a taxi or cart to the station)! If the map isn't big enough at that point, why not do an expansion bubble.

6. How many different transport methods do you think Malik took? Did you go the shortest route?

7. When travelling from Marseilles, did you route your train through Paris? Have a look at the French Railway Map – see how many changes you think he might have had to make.