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### Imperialism Test: Writing Portion

A Letter to Parliament,

I am a Muslim inhabiting the great nation of India. Your overbearing rule over my people is becoming unacceptable, and many of us are finding it hard to live under your control. The British East India Trading Company which has only been growing is tyrannical. The railroad network has taken over parts of our land, and your restriction of Indian-owned industries make it so we are no longer self-sufficient, the food production has declined rapidly and there is no more food. I am loyal to my nation and to the people with whom I share a culture and history, but with you limiting how able we are to practice our beliefs that have been with us for so long, it has become increasingly harder to find acceptance in my home country of my religion by my rulers. I try hard to maintain regular religious practices and to stay publicly faithful to my beliefs and the Five Pillars of Islam, I try to read the Qur'an regularly and am forever loyal to my religion, I still have not traveled to Mecca and do not want to leave my people in such a horrible time of famine, judgment, and tyrannical rule. We are nothing to you, you are here for the land and treat us as slaves in your British Army. Unless we are serving as sepoys we are of no use to you. Leave us alone and only take those who wish to fight. You have not only taken over our land, but you are quickly taking our cultures away from us too. I sense a rebellion coming on soon, the loyal people of India cannot take your need for us to all serve you and forget about how we were

raised and the religions of which we are so fortunate to have been a part of for so long. Please take into consideration all that I have said, and do remember that we are people too with our own beliefs. Islam to us is the same as Christianity to you. It contains everything we believe in and all that we are faithful to. We are starving, we cannot live without food much longer. We want our land back, our businesses back. We want our freedom.

Thank you.

Best regards,

A Muslim in need of independence