

The background of the entire image is a vibrant blue fabric. Scattered across this background are several pink rose petals. In the center, two hands are shown, palms facing each other, with fingers slightly spread. Both hands are covered in intricate, dark brown henna designs. The designs include floral motifs, geometric patterns, and what appear to be stylized faces or figures. The henna is applied in a way that covers the entire surface of the hands and fingers. Overlaid on the hands is the text 'AMAL UNBOUND' in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font. The letters have a thick black outline, making them stand out against the blue background and the henna patterns. The text is positioned in the upper half of the image, with 'AMAL' on the top line and 'UNBOUND' on the bottom line.

AMAL UNBOUND

PRE-READING

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- 5 Nonfiction Readings & Questions
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PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

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Name:

Nonfiction Reading: Overview and Geography of Pakistan

Pakistan - officially named the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the only country to be created in the name of Islam - is located in South Asia. It is the sixth-most populous country in the world. It is situated between India, China, Afghanistan, and Iran. Pakistan's government structure includes both a federal unit and administrative states, which are smaller subunits. There are four provinces: Sindh, Balochistan, Punjab, and Kyber Pakhtunkhwa. In addition, there are two territories of Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), the capital territory of Islamabad, and two other administrative areas: Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir. Although Pakistan did not officially achieve its independence from British-Indian control until 1947, the region has been home to civilizations dating back thousands of years.



Map of Pakistan, including administrative units and disputed areas.

The Indus Valley Civilization dates back to over 5,000 years. Today, the area encompasses most of Pakistan and includes one of the longest rivers in Asia, a river that helped sustain an early cradle of civilization. Over the millennia, the civilization became highly developed, but much of its history remains a mystery because its writing system has yet to be deciphered. Eventually, the Indus Valley Civilization declined, and by 1500 BCE, the Indo-Aryan people migrated into the region. Over the centuries, the region endured invasions by groups such as the Persians, Greeks, and Arabs. The Arab invaders also brought with them their religion, Islam, around the 6th century CE. Afterwards, the Mughal Empire successfully ruled the region until the British East India Company took control of most South Asia in the 19th century. Finally, in 1947, the partition of India divided British-India into two independent states - India and Pakistan. Pakistan's boundaries were set to include three provinces in Muslim-majority areas.

Partition did not end territorial disputes, though. Control over the region of Kashmir was and still remains disputed with Pakistan, India, and China all making claims over it. In addition, the separation of Pakistan from India created an East and West divide in the country. East Pakistan was located on the far east side of India. In 1971, when Pakistan and India were engaged in a third war over disputed territory, East Pakistan (with the support of India) fought a war for independence. East Pakistan won and became the country of Bangladesh. Today, over 200 million people call Pakistan home. The country is still grappling with conflicts both internally and externally but has recently made some strides in settling territorial disputes to stabilize its politics and government.

➤ 5 Nonfiction Readings

➤ Build Background Knowledge

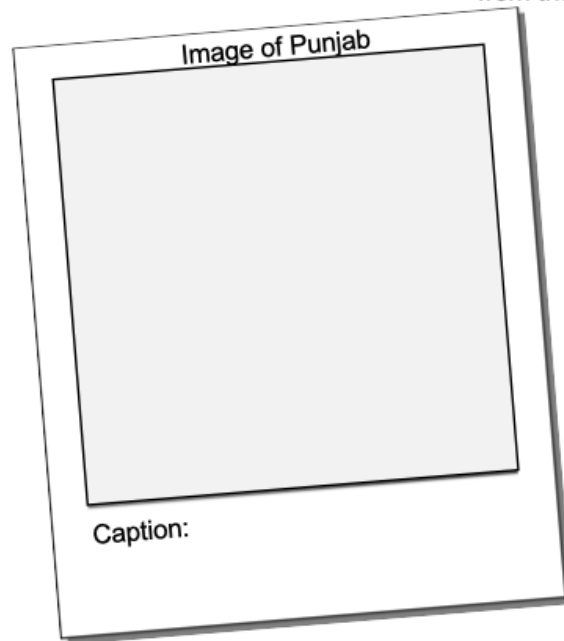
➤ Pakistan Country Study

➤ Engaging Country Scrapbook

PUNJAB PARTICULARS



Punjab, Pakistan is one of the country's provinces. There are many things that make Punjab unique from the other provinces.



Who are the people of Punjab?
List 5 facts that describe them.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



What makes the Punjab Province unique?



➤ Use for
Centers or
Rotation Model

➤ Common Core-
Aligned
Material

➤ Cross-
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Learning

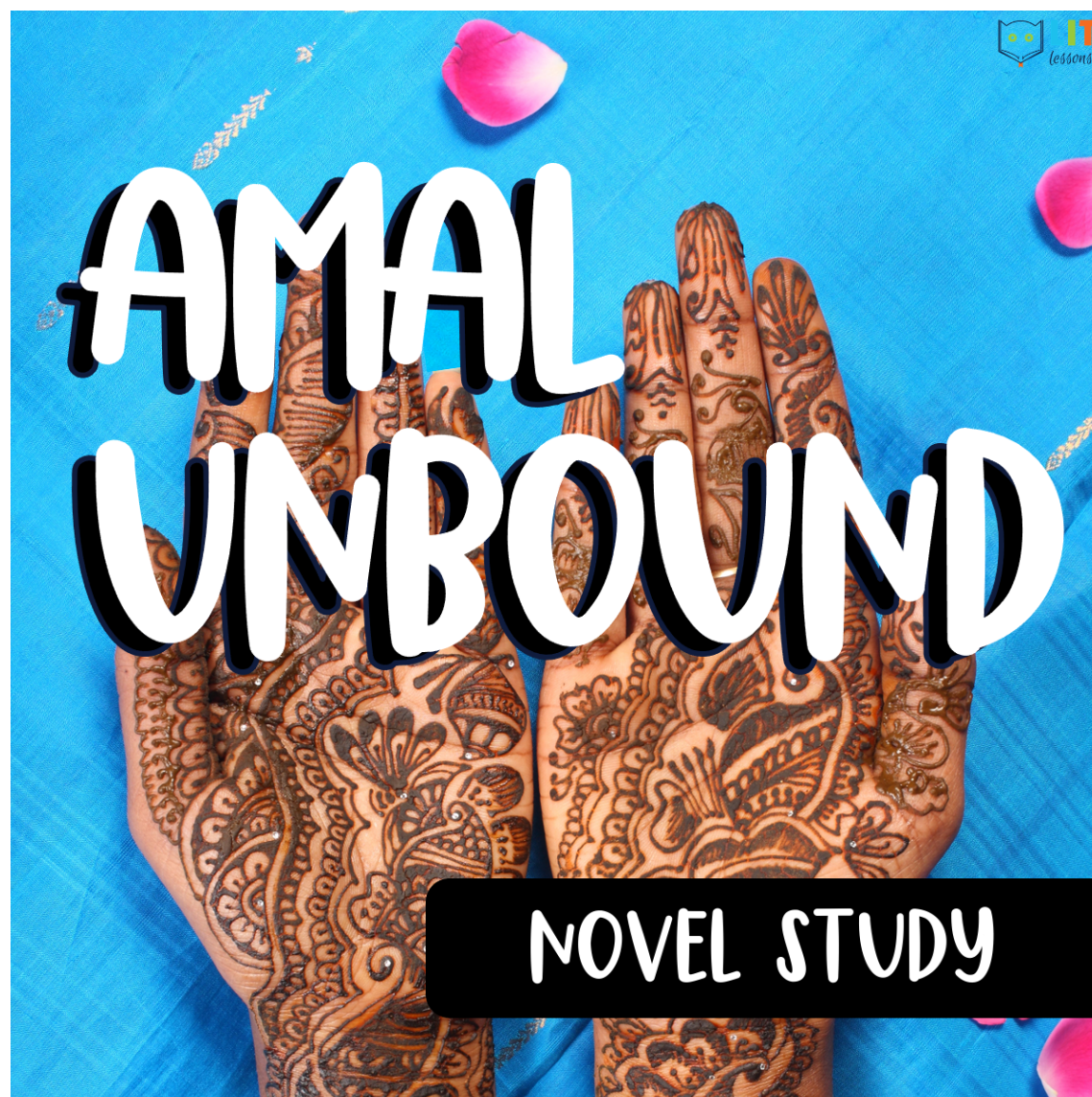
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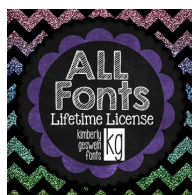
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