

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SCIENCE (HISTORY)

CLASS: VIII

CHAPTER 3: RULING THE COUNTRYSIDE

Curiosity Questions

1. Why do governments collect taxes?

Answer Guide:

- Who provides civic amenities for us?
- Where does the money for this come from?
- Who decides the rate and method of collecting the taxes?

2. Have you ever been part of a revolt?

Answer Guide:

- When do people revolt?
- How does our government deal with protests or revolts?
- Do you think the British could have reacted similarly?

Experiential Learning Activity:

The students will have a Group Discussion by comparing the taxation policies of the British period with that of the present tax policies and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Think about:

For initiating the Group Discussion, the following questions need to be posed.

1. What were the different tax systems adopted by the English East India Company?
2. Why did they follow different systems in different places?
3. How did these systems affect the life of rural people?