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**Monday, July 6**  
**12:00am**

**India, "Nature's Wonderland, Part 1"**  
**4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades.**

Join wildlife biologist Liz Bonnin, actor Freida Pinto and mountaineer Jon Gupta to explore India's natural wonders. From tigers and gibbons to elephants and rhinos, the sacred Ganges to tea plantations, experience the subcontinent's marvels. In part one, 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**

**Question Box 1**

- Describe India's rich culture.
- Why is a country's culture important to them?
- Describe the ritual tiger dance? Why is this dance important Indian culture?
- What was the main idea of this program? How do you know? Use quotes and examples to prove your idea.

**Question Box 2**

- What American culture and traditions are important to you? Why?
- What was your favorite part of the program? Why?
- Would you like to visit India? What would you specifically like to see?

**Box 3 (Tasks)**

- 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.

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### **Box 4 (Enrichment)**

- 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.

### **Box 5 (Extend/Real-Life)**

- Plan a travel expedition to India and share your itinerary.