# STANFORD HISTORY EDUCATION GROUP READING LIKE A HIST RIAN



# Sepoy Rebellion (10.4.4)

#### Background:

During the early part of the 19th century the British East India Company dominated much of India. This company held great power in the region and backed that power with the use of a private army that had in its ranks hundreds of thousands Indians, they were known as the Sepoys. In 1857 a revolt began that spread from this army to many levels of Indian society.

## Prompt:

Explain why each of the accounts of the Sepoy Rebellion differ.

## Task:

In a well thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Support your thesis by using at least three pieces of evidence from the documents and the PowerPoint.
- Be sure to explain how the evidence you have chosen supports your thesis.