Worksheet: Colonialism and the Countryside (Exploring Official Archives)

West Bengal State Board · Class 12 · History · 3 questions · 16 marks

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Q1. What was the 'Sunset Law' under the Permanent Settlement? What were its consequences? *[3 marks]*

Q2. What do historians mean by 'reading colonial archives against the grain'? Give an example from the chapter. *[5 marks]*

Q3. How did the Permanent Settlement of 1793 transform rural society in Bengal? Discuss its impact on zamindars, peasants, and the economic life of the countryside. *[8 marks]*