



Unit 8 – Focus on

1. Champions against oppression

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Voice over: AND NOW WE PRESENT: THE EMPIRE OF CRICKET!

Narrator: Every weekend in India, the Indians' passion for cricket can be seen everywhere. It is well known that cricket's history is linked to India's history. When cricket was introduced in (*to*) India by the British during colonisation, it was said to be a sport for white people. It was only played in "Whites only" clubs. The English rulers used to have a life of sport and enjoyment. The Indians didn't use to practise any sport. They used to work all day as servants.

Indian man: The English said Indian people were not able to play. The Indians were told that they were not fit for that game.

Narrator: The Indians were attracted to this sport, so they tried to imitate the British.

Indian man: The fight to play cricket determined the character of India as a nation: the Indians worked hard, stood (*up*) for each other, for their village, for their country's pride. They never gave up.

Narrator: Today, cricket is seen as a symbol of national pride and it has over 1 billion fans. India rules over the Empire of Cricket.