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Why did the armies of the British East India Company - mostly comprising of Indian soldiers - win consistently against the more numerous and better equipped armies of the Indian rulers? Give reasons.

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Modern Indian history from about the middle of the eighteenth century until the present - significant events, personalities, issues.

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Plassey, 1757

Bengal battle that opened Company territorial power through politics as much as musketry.

Subsidiary Alliance

Wellesley's system that stationed Company troops on a ruler's revenue and curbed his diplomacy.

Cornwallis army reforms

Late-eighteenth-century tightening of Company military and civil discipline in Bengal.

Anglo-Mysore and Anglo-Maratha wars

Long campaigns in which drilled Company forces beat, then absorbed, stronger regional states.

1857

The great sepoy revolt that showed Indian soldiers could also break Company power, after which the Crown rebuilt the army.

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