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India's diversity has always been recognised as a source of its strength. When the British ruled India, women and men from different cultural, religious and regional backgrounds came together to oppose them. India's freedom movement had thousands of people of different backgrounds in it. They worked together to decide joint actions, they went to jail together, and they found different ways to oppose the British. Interestingly the British thought they could divide Indians because they were so different, and then continue to rule them. But the people showed how they could be different and yet be united in their battle against the British.

The Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar in which a British general opened fire on a large group of unarmed, peaceful people killing many and wounding even more. Men and women, Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims, rich and poor had gathered to protest against the British.

In his book "The Discovery of India" Jawaharlal Nehru says that Indian unity is not something imposed from the outside but rather, "It was something deeper and within its fold, the widest tolerance of belief and custom was practised and every variety acknowledged and even encouraged." It was Nehru, who coined the phrase, "unity in diversity" to describe the country.

On the basis of reading, answer the questions:

1. Why British thought that they could divide the Indians?
2. The Jallianwala Bagh Massacare was held in \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the name of the book written by Jawaharlal Nehru?
4. Who coined the phrase "unity in Diversity"?
5. What has been recognised as the source of India's strength?

Answers

1. Because the people of India were so different.
2. Amritsar
3. The Discovery of India
4. Jawahar Lal Nehru
5. India's Diversity