

WINDS OF CHANGE

Discover, Connect and Reflect

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PRE-READING

Think – Puzzle – Explore

This chapter is about the pankha — the traditional Indian hand fan. Before you read, fill in the three boxes below.

THINK

What do you already know about hand fans?

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PUZZLE

What questions do you have about them?

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EXPLORE

What do you hope to find out?

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Guess the Word

The Hindi word "pankha" comes from an older word meaning something specific. Circle your guess.

- ☐ leaf
- ☐ feather
- ☐ wind

Keep your guess in mind — you'll find the real answer early in the chapter!

WHILE READING

Part 1: Where It All Began

Read the opening section on the history and origin of the pankha.

Fact Finder — Complete the table.

Question	Answer
The word "pankha" comes from which word, and what does it mean?	
Name two places pankhas were traditionally used	
What old paintings show evidence of pankhas being used long ago?	

Fan Fact! A smaller, plumed version of the pankha used in ancient India had its own special name. Can you find it in the text?

Part 2: One Fan, Many Faces

Read the section describing pankhas from different regions of India.

Map the Craft — Complete the table with the region's special material or design.

Region	Special Material / Design
Rajasthan	
Gujarat	
West Bengal	
Bihar	

Why do you think different regions developed their own unique style of pankha, instead of one style for all of India?

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Part 3: Why Did the Fan Fall Silent?

Read the section on how technology changed the pankha's role.

Cause and Effect Chain — Complete the missing steps.

Electric fans and modern cooling devices became common

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Pankhas are now mainly valued as decorative and cultural items

Part 4: Keeping the Craft Alive

Read the concluding section on preserving the pankha tradition.

Tick (✓) the ways the chapter suggests we can help preserve this craft.

- ☐ Organising pankha-making workshops
- ☐ Holding exhibitions to showcase the craft
- ☐ Replacing pankhas completely with machines
- ☐ Sharing the stories and artistry behind each pankha

Why does celebrating a craft help the artisans who make it, and not just the craft itself?

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POST-READING

What's in a Title?

The title "Winds of Change" has two meanings — one literal, one deeper. Complete both.

Literal meaning:

Deeper meaning:

I Used to Think... Now I Think...

Reflect on how your understanding of the humble hand fan has changed.

I used to think a pankha was just

Now I think a pankha is also

Write the Headline

If this chapter were a newspaper article, what headline would capture its message in one line?

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Guess Check

Go back to your "Guess the Word" answer from Pre-Reading. Were you right?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Exit Ticket

One traditional craft from my own region/family that I think deserves to be celebrated is

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Well done! You've completed your Reading Companion for Winds of Change.

Keep this sheet safe — it's a great quick-revision tool before your exam.