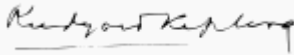
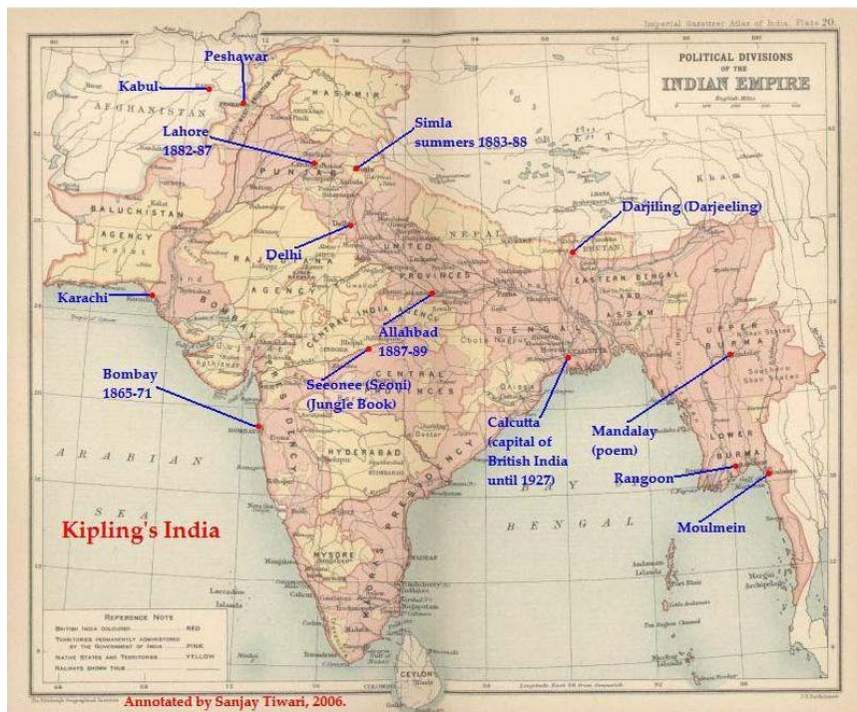




Kipling in 1915

Born	Joseph Rudyard Kipling 30 December 1865 Bombay, Bombay Presidency, British India
Died	18 January 1936 (aged 70) London, England
Resting place	Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey , London
Occupation	Short story writer, novelist, poet, journalist
Nationality	British
Genre	Short story, novel, children's literature, poetry, travel literature, science fiction
Notable works	The Jungle Book Just So Stories

	<u><i>Kim</i></u> <u><i>Captains Courageous</i></u> <u>"If—"</u> <u>"Gunga Din"</u> <u>"The White Man's Burden"</u>
Notable awards	<u>Nobel Prize in Literature</u> 1907
Spouse	Caroline Starr Balestier(m. 1892)
Children	3, including <u>Elsie Bambridge</u>and <u>John Kipling</u>
Signature	



Kipling's India: map of British India.

NEEMUCH

The name of Neemuch is also mentioned in Poem

The The SevenSeas/The Ladies

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The Seven Seas by [Rudyard Kipling](#)

THE LADIES

I've taken my fun where I've found it;
I've rogued an' I've ranged in ray time;
I've 'ad my pickin' o' sweet'earts,
An' four o' the lot was prime.
One was an 'arf-caste widow,
One was a woman at Prome,
One was the wife of a *jemadar-sais*,^[1]
An' one is a girl at 'ome.

*Now I aren't no 'and with the ladies,
For, takin' 'em all along,
You never can say till you've tried 'em,
An' then you are like to be wrong.
There's times when you'll think that you mightn't,
There's times when you'll know that you might;
But the things you will learn from the Yellow an' Brown,
They'll 'elp you a lot with the White!*

I was a young un at 'Oogli,
Shy as a girl to begin;
Aggie de Castrer she made me,

An' Aggie was clever as sin;
Older than me, but my first un—
More like a mother she were—
Showed me the way to promotion an' pay,
An' I learned about women from 'er!

Then I was ordered to Burma,
Actin' in charge o' Bazar,
An' I got me a tiddy live 'eathen
Through buy in' supplies off 'er pa.
Funny an' yellow an' faithful—
Doll in a teacup she were,
But we lived on the square, like a true-married pair,
An' I learned about women from 'er!

Then we was shifted to Neemuch
(Or I might ha' been keepin' 'er now),
An' I took with a shiny she-devil,
The wife of a nigger at Mhow;
'Taught me the gipsy-folks' *bole*^[2];
Kind o' volcano she were,
For she knifed me one night 'cause I wished she was white,
And I learned about women from 'er!

Then I come 'ome in the trooper,
'Long of a kid o' sixteen—
Girl from a convent at Meerut,
The straightest I ever 'ave seen.
Love at first sight was 'er trouble,
She didn't know what it were;
An' I wouldn't do such, 'cause I liked 'er too much,
But—I learned about women from 'er!

I 've taken my fun where I've found it,
An' now I must pay for my fun,
For the more you 'ave known o' the others
The less will you settle to one;

An' the end of it's sittin' and thinkin',
An' dreamin' Hell-fires to see;
So be warned by my lot (which I know you will not),
An' learn about women from me!

*What did the Colonel's Lady think?
Nobody never knew.
Somebody asked the Sergeant's wife,
An' she told 'em true!
When you get to a man in the case,
They're like as a row of pins—
For the Colonel's Lady an' Judy O' Grady
Are sisters under their skins!*