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READING

Do you know that some present-day countries were also part of India before 1947 ?

Can you name those countries? It was in 1947 that India got independence. It was also the year when British India was divided into two parts: India and Pakistan. Many people from Pakistan crossed the border to come into India and vice versa. In the excerpt from Gulzars book titled **Footprints on Zero Line**, the writer narrates how the events of 1947 continue to affect the lives of many even after so many years.

Now read the story

It was sometime in the year 1984-85 that a certain gentleman named Iqbal Singh, a professor, used to write to me, saying I was his brother who had been lost during

the Partition. After the first few letters, I wrote him a long letter explaining that I was in Delhi living with my parents, and I hadn't lost any siblings during the communal riots of those days.

Despite this, Iqbal Singh remained convinced that I was his long-lost brother and kept writing. Eventually, I stopped answering. After some time, the letters stopped coming. A year must have passed when Sai Paranjpye, the filmmaker, sent me a message saying that a certain gentleman from Delhi called Harbhajan Singh wished to meet me.

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After reading the story write all the new words in Notebook.