

CLASS VIII
HISTORY / CHAPTER 2
CASE STUDY 2
THE CITY OF MYSORE

The **Kingdom of Mysore** was a realm in southern India, traditionally believed to have been founded in 1399 in the vicinity of the modern city of Mysore. From 1799 until 1950, it was a princely state, until 1947 in a subsidiary alliance with British India. It then became Mysore State (later enlarged and renamed to Karnataka) with its ruler remaining as Rajapramukh until 1956, when he became the first Governor of the reformed state.

The kingdom, which was founded and ruled for most part by the Hindu Wodeyar family, initially served as a vassal state of the Vijayanagara Empire. The 17th century saw a steady expansion of its territory and during the rule of Narasaraja Wodeyar I and Chikka Devaraja Wodeyar, the kingdom annexed large expanses of what is now southern Karnataka and parts of Tamil Nadu to become a powerful state in the southern Deccan. During a brief Muslim rule, the kingdom shifted to a **Sultanate** style of administration.[1][2]

During this time, it came into conflict with the Marathas, the Nizam of Hyderabad, the Kingdom of Travancore and the British, which culminated in the four Anglo-Mysore Wars. Success in the first Anglo-Mysore war and a stalemate in the second was followed by defeat in the third and the fourth. Following Tipu's death in the fourth war in the siege of Seringapatam (1799), large parts of his kingdom were annexed by the British, which signalled the end of a period of Mysorean hegemony over South India. The British restored the Wodeyars to their throne by way of a subsidiary alliance and the diminished Mysore was transformed into a princely state. The Wodeyars continued to rule the state until Indian independence in 1947, when Mysore acceded to the Union of India.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS :

1. The Kingdom of Mysore was found in _____
2. The last ruler of Mysore was _____
3. How was Mysore formed
4. Who were responsible for the expansion of Mysore?
5. Who ascended the throne of Mysore after Wodeyar rulers?
6. Who helped British to fight against Mysore?
7. Who was the last sultan of Mysore?
8. Name the last Anglo Mysore war.
9. Who were the last rulers of Mysore?
10. Why do you think Maratha and Nizam helped British to fight against Mysore?