

**Q8. In which regions was the rising of the people in 1857 most widespread?**

The regions where the rising of the people in 1857 was most widespread were Delhi, Awadh, Rohilkhand, Bundelkhand, the areas around Allahabad, Agra, Meerut and western Behar.

**Q9. Name a few important leaders of the Revolt of 1857 and briefly describe their roles?**

In the revolt of 1857 many leaders took active part some of them were :-

**1. The mughal emperor Bahadur Shah :-**

He was declared the Emperor of real power laid in the hands of soldiers headed by general Bakhat Khan. Bahadur Shah was aged and man of weak personality. Finally he was arrested and deported to Rangoon where he died in 1862.

**2. Nana Sahib :-**

He expelled all the British troops from Kanpur and declared himself the Peshwa and Azimullah as chief advisor. He was defeated finally by general Havelock and he escaped to Nepal.

**3. Tantia Tope :-**

He was the capable and trusted general of Nana Sahib. He commanded the troops of Nana Sahib during the revolt. He also helped Rani Lakshmi Bai but at last he was betrayed by one of his companions and was arrested and hanged in 1859.

**4. Rani Lakshmi Bai :-**

She was a brave and patriotic lady who commanded the forces of Jhansi bravely. When she was driven out of Jhansi by Sir Hugh Rose, she went to Kalpi to join Nana Sahib. She died heroically while fighting at Kalpi.

**5. Begum Hazrat Mahal :-**

Begum Hazrat Mahal, widow of Nawab Wajid Ali of Awadh organized an all-out attack on British and besieged many Englishmen in the residency finally she was defeated and escaped to Nepal.

**Q9. Why the emerging middle class didn't support the rebels?**

The emerging middle class didn't support the rebels because of the following reasons :-

1. The middle class in India emerged as a result of the administrative policies of the English rulers. As such their very existence depended on the continuance of the British rule in India.
2. The middle class people looked upon the British as progressive and thought that only they could take India into the modern age.
3. The leadership of the revolt was the hands of princes and rulers, who fought mostly to recapture their lost territories. The emerging middle class had no interest in their cause.
4. They supported the British in their bid to remove social evils which were criticized by the Indian People.
5. The middle class wasn't so sound economically and financially.