

Reasons for Downfall of Mughals:

1) Succession Disputes

2) Administrative problems

- Corrupt mansabdari system
- Huge empire

3) Pleasure Seeking

4) Military Cost

5) Invading forces

6) Declining military expertise

7) Marathas

8) Aurangzeb's policies

9) Arrival of British

British Expansion:

1) Disunity in India

- Bribed rulers / Feudal powers

2) Doctrine of Lapse

3) Battles

- Plassey - 1757
- Buxar - 1764

4) Governor^{generals} & Provincial governors

- Operated on British Lines

5) Professional Civil Service

- Only British, no locals.