Upsetting Colonial Intellectual Narratives in Partition Literature

History is nothing more than a story, a narrative. The way we tell these stories about the past has a drastic impact on how our world outlook, and there is no better example than Pakistan and India. The goal of my research was to connect the lens through which we view and tell our narratives to the ongoing conflict that arose during Partition. I use theoretical works, Decolonization is not a metaphor and Can the Subaltern Speak?, and place them in conversation with current academic literature to unveil the implicit bias towards the British colonial government during the Partition. Moving away from colonial perspectives of historical narratives is key to removing the invisible grasp colonization still holds over the region today. I do this in order to show the underlying colonial tensions that prohibit peacemaking and remedial efforts between Pakistan and India, and I conclude with the call for active movement away from colonial excuses. The only pathway for positive relations between the two countries is for each to confront and fight against any remnants of their joint colonial past.