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MAHATMA GHANDI

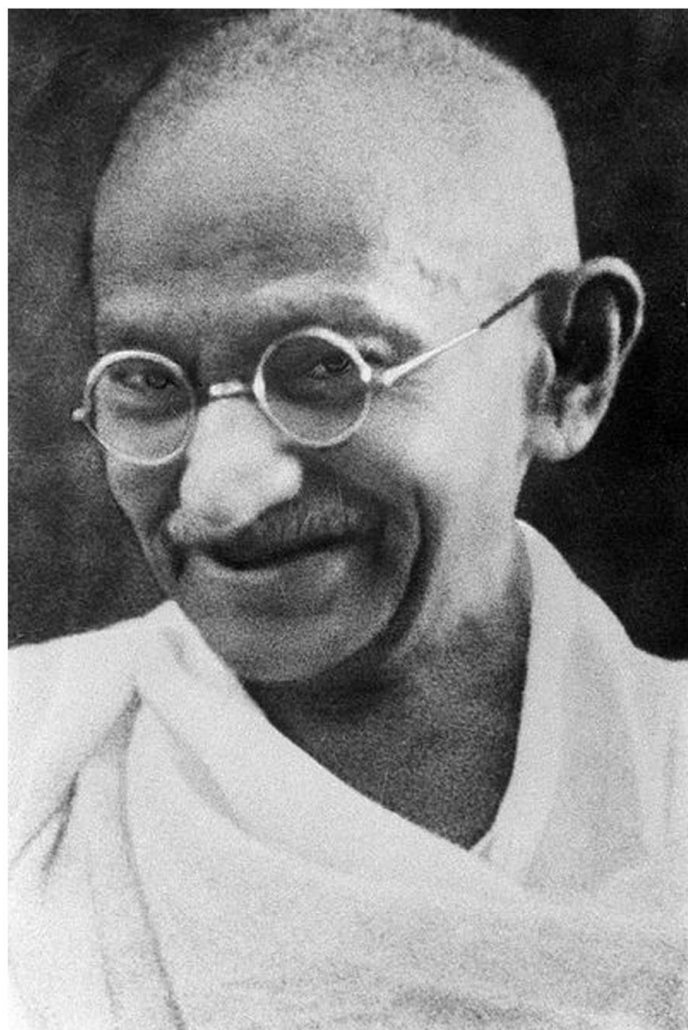
Born in India in 1869, Gandhi is well known for being a civil rights leader and non-violent protestor. He had firm principals and beliefs which he upheld throughout his life.

As a young adult he travelled to London to study law. He tried to adopt certain English customs like taking dance lessons but he didn't like the bland vegetarian food that was on offer.

After his studies he returned to Mumbai to try and establish a law practice however this was unsuccessful. He later took up a job at a law firm in South Africa however it was here that he faced racial discrimination. One memory was being thrown off a train after refusing to move from the first class to a third class coach despite holding a valid first class ticket.

Experiences like this awakened him to social injustice. Whilst in South Africa, Gandhi hoped to gain full citizenship for Indians in South Africa, a goal he never managed to achieve.

In 1915 Gandhi returned to live in India. Here he led the fight for Indian independence from the British Empire. He organised non-violent campaigns where large groups of the Indian population would strike from work. Gandhi was put in prison several times for organising these protests and would refuse to eat meaning eventually he had to be released.



One of Gandhi's most successful protests was called the Salt March. The British government put a tax on salt so Gandhi decided to walk over 200 miles to the sea to make his own salt. Thousands of Indians joined him in his march to show their support. Gandhi was assassinated on January 30th, 1948. He was shot at a prayer meeting by a terrorist. In India today, his birthday is a national holiday.

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True or False Quiz

How much have you learned?

Read the statement then tick the true or false column. If the statement is false, re-write the statement correctly in the final column.

	True	False	Corrected Statement
He was born in South America.			
He was a vegetarian.			
He suffered racial discrimination.			
Ghandi didn't want independence from the British Empire.			
He was a very violent protestor.			
He was arrested several times and went on a hunger strike.			
He died in prison.			
He walked over 200 miles as part of his protest against taxing salt.			
Ghandi was assassinated on July 30th 1949.			
His birthday is a national holiday in India.			

Extension- What other facts can you find out about Ghandi?