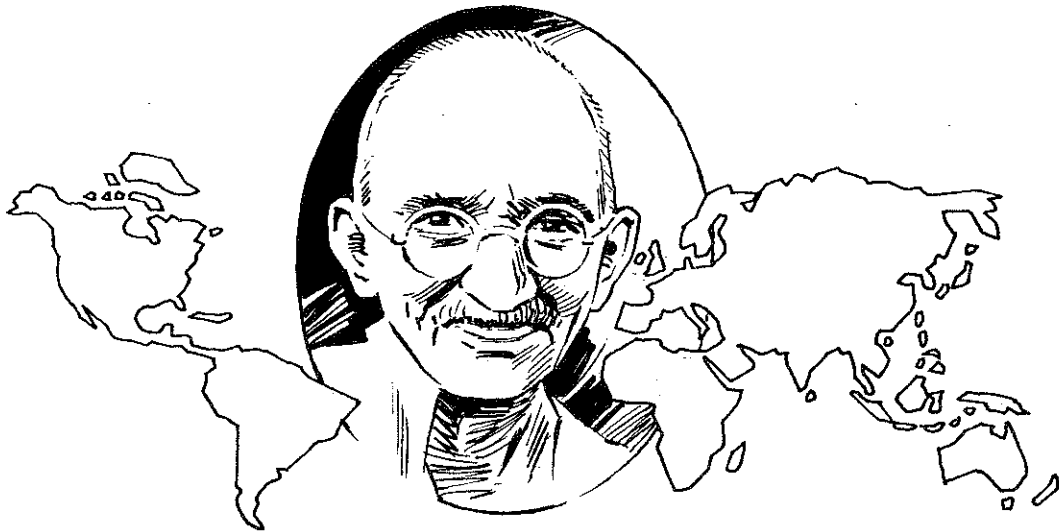


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One Man of Peace

Mahatma Gandhi has inspired many important leaders of the world. Gandhi led a life of peaceful resistance to unjust policies. Although he was often attacked and imprisoned for his ideas and acts, Gandhi refused to speak angrily against, or cause harm to, those who hurt him. Many important leaders use Gandhi's life as an example of how to help people and peacefully stand up for one's rights.

In 1893 Gandhi went to South Africa and peacefully helped the people win new laws. When Gandhi saw how unfair the people of darker skin—including Indians—were treated in South Africa, Gandhi decided to work for new laws. Gandhi peacefully set about showing that South Africa needed to change. Although Gandhi was a respected, educated man, he stopped wearing his fancy clothes and committed to wearing only a loincloth and shawl—the clothes of peasants in India. People joined Gandhi in his effort to win new laws, and eventually, after much resistance, they were able to win new laws for South Africa.

In 1915 Gandhi returned to India and became a peaceful leader in the movement to free India from British rule. Gandhi also worked to help the many poor people of India. As he did in South Africa, Gandhi taught the people that they must be brave and that they must return love for hate. After much resistance, India won its independence in 1947.

Gandhi's peaceful, powerful way of helping people and leading people to stand up for their rights has influenced many recent leaders. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the United States, Ella Bhatt in India, and Marina Silva in Brazil are only a few of the life-changing leaders who have noted Gandhi as an important influence in their lives. Gandhi's life shows us all that we can accomplish great tasks in peaceful ways.

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Directions: Carefully read "One Man of Peace." Then complete the chart below. Write the main idea of "One Man of Peace" in the oval and then write three supporting details in the triangles below.

