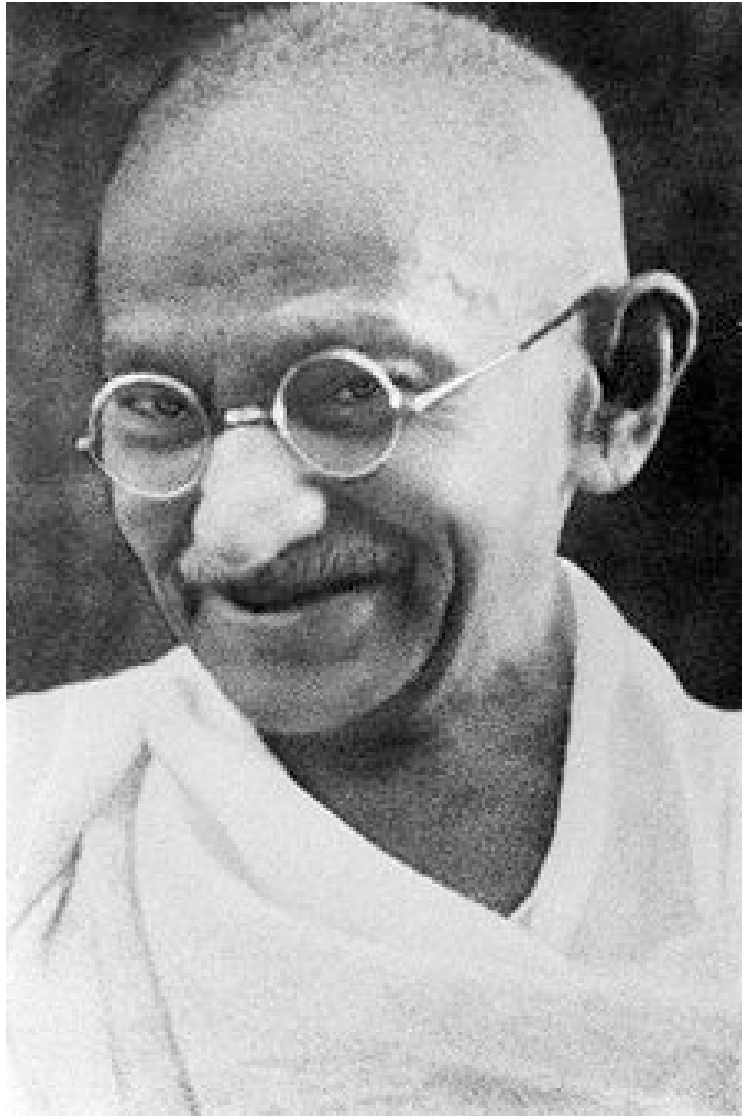


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India is a huge country. You could fit 10 Englands inside with a little space left over. But that didn't stop the British from taking over. India was under England's control and the Indians needed somebody to free their country. That somebody was Mohandas Gandhi. Not only did Gandhi free that ginormous country, but he did it without violence, just peace. Gandhi had an interesting background, many accomplishments, and influenced many great people.

Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869 in Porbundar, India. Gandhi had 3 siblings, two brothers and a sister. All of them were older than him, so they spoiled him throughout his young life. Gandhi was just like the other Indian kids. He loved to run, explore, and climb trees. As an Indian tradition, he married Kasturbai Makhanji at age 13! I couldn't imagine being married in 1 ½ years. As Gandhi got older, he wanted to go to England to become an attorney. That started his big adventure.

When Gandhi traveled to England, he joined the vegetarian society and became the president of it. He looked for jobs until he found a post in Africa that was owned by the British. While there, he gathered people to rebel against the British. He became the leader of the Indian Nationalist movement. Then he made a satyagra campaign and stopped a law from being passed that made it

illegal to organize opposition to the government. But when riots broke out about this, he called off the campaign and fasted to impress the people with the need for non-violence. Around 1920, Gandhi began a program of hand spinning and weaving. He believed the program aided economic freedom by making India self-sufficient. They wore their own clothes instead of wearing British clothing. About 10 years later, in 1930, Gandhi led the salt march. He and many, many other Indians marched two hundred forty eight miles to the sea to make their own salt. This opposed the British salt tax. Years later, India was freed and Gandhi had accomplished his goal.

January 30, 1948, Gandhi was shot and killed. Gandhi was a good soul. He believed in simplicity or, “reducing himself to zero.” This meant he gave up everyday luxuries. Through his death, many people were influenced. One of Martin Luther King Jr.’s role models was Gandhi. Despite all of this, Gandhi could never win the Nobel Peace Prize. Instead, he got a peace prize named after him, The Gandhi Peace Prize. Even through his death, Gandhi still helped people.

Gandhi was one of the coolest people ever. Even though he was spoiled as a kid, he grew up to be someone who only used what he needed. Gandhi brought up the courage to face the British that no one else had. I can’t think of many people who could do all of that! In my opinion, Gandhi was probably the greatest peacemaker ever.

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