## Mahatma Gandhi

Mahatma Gandhi, whose birth day celebrated every year was the greatest man of his time. He was one of those famous sons of India who have guided the destiny of her people from time to time.

He was born on October 2, 1869 at Porbandar in Gujarat. His mother was a religious and pious lady while his father Kaba Gandhi was the Dewan of a small State in Rajkot.

Gandhi joined the school at the age of seven. He was hones and sincere though he was not a very brilliant student. He was married to Kasturba at a small age of thirteen. He went to England to study law when he was only seventeen.

He came back of India after qualifying himself for the bar. He started his practice in Bombay. He could not do well as a lawyer because he never liked to tell a lie. He however, got a case for which he had to go to south Africa. He was known as a coolie barrister there. He was moved by the pitiable condition of the Indians who wife insulted and treated like dogs everywhere in South Africa. Mahatma Gandhi became the leader of the Indians and struggled hard for the betterment of their lot.

After some time, he again came back to India. He had now a greater aim before him. He wanted to make his country free from the British rule. After the First World War, the British shot down some 1500 innocent Indian men, women and children in the "Jatianwala Bagh" at Amritsar. This tragedy and inhuman act pained Gandhiji very much. He started a non-cooperation movement against the British govt. As a result, thousands of volunteers had to go to jail.

In 1930, Gandhiji started what is known as the Civil disobedience Movement. He broke the Salt Law. He was arrested by the British Govt. which sent him to jail only to release him after some time. He was invited to attend the round Table conference which greatly disappointed him.

His last but the most powerful movement was the quite India Movement. This was started in 1942. He was again arrested along with many others. But the movement continued. It went on gaining momentum as the time went on. The growing irrepressible demand of the Indian awns the force of the world events finally compelled the Births to quit India for good.

Consequently, we won our freedom on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947, the nation was very thankful to Mahatamaji and prayed for his long life. But he did not live long.

A communal fanatic Nathu Ram Gods assassinated him on the evening of 30<sup>th</sup> January, 1948.

Gandhi is no more with us but he will always act as a torch bearer to the teeming millions of our country. His message of love and peace, his principles of Ahinsa and Truth will always go on leading the country on to the right path. We will go on upholding what is true, good and beautiful in this horse and vindictive world.

He will always be remembered but the Indian as the Father of the Nation.

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Mahatma Gandhi has been the greatest man of modern times. He is respected by the whole world. When he was killed, the whole world wept. He was the Father of the Nation.

People called him Bapu (father) in love. His full name was Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi. Gandhiji was born in the middle-class family of Porbandar on 2nd October, 1869.

His early education was in Gujarat. He went to school at the age of seven. He was married to Kasturba at the age of thirteen. Later he went to England to study law and become a barrister and started practice in Bombay. But he was not successful as a lawyer.

He went to Africa. There he fought for the rights of Indians. On his return to India, he joined Congress.

Soon he became an important leader of the Congress. Then he started non-cooperation movement against the British rule in India.

He was a great devotee of ahimsa or non-violence. He was sent to jail many times. At last India won freedom on 15th August, 1947 under his prompt leadership.

Gandhiji was a saint-politician. His faith in God was firm and deep. He never told a lie. He advised people never to utter untruth.

He was a great social reformer. He was killed on 30th January 1948. He died in the cause of Hindu Muslim unity. His Samadhi at Rajghat is visited by hundreds of people daily.