

Mahatma Gandhi

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born on 2nd October 1869. He was born in Porbander, Gujarat, North West India. His father was the Chief Minister of Porbander and his mother was highly religious. She worshipped the God Vishnu, but also believed Jain teachings, which taught people about not causing injury to living things. Gandhi was part of the privileged caste and he received a good education.

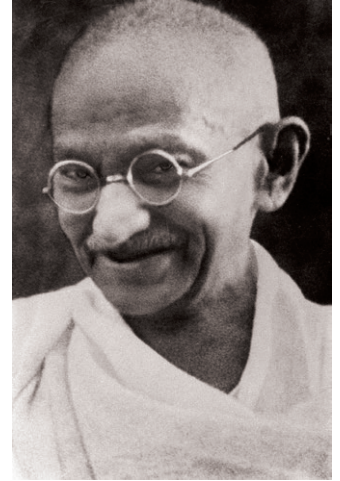
Gandhi was horrified at the way people that were not white were treated. On one occasion, Gandhi was removed from a train even though he held a valid ticket because he was not white. Another time, he was asked to remove his turban by a European magistrate in court. He refused and left the courtroom. This was called apartheid.

Gandhi started a political movement called the Natal Indian Congress. He believed in non-violent political protests. A protest is when someone stands up against something they do not agree

with and brings attention to it so that others might get involved. This meant that he would encourage protesting in a peaceful, safe way. He did not want people to get hurt, he just wanted the authorities to take notice of what life was like for people who were not white.

Gandhi was arrested a number of times because he encouraged people to stand up to the government. Some people also tried to kill him. One man in particular tried and eventually succeeded: Nathuram Godse.

Gandhi died on his way to a prayer meeting on 30th January 1948. He was shot three times in the chest.



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2. Why did Gandhi set up the 'Natal Indian Congress'?
Accept reference to demonstrating to the government, peacefully, what life was like for non-white people and that they did not think it was fair that non-white people were treated differently. He wanted the authorities to take notice.
3. 'Apartheid' was when non-white people were treated differently to white people and were not given the same rights.
Why do you think Gandhi was so upset about this?
Accept reference to:
 - **he was being treated differently for being non-white;**
 - **the unfairness of having different rules based on skin colour or religion.**
4. Why do you think Gandhi was killed?
Accept reasonable answers linked to text, for example:
 - **some people didn't agree with his views;**
 - **some people didn't like that he was arguing against the government.**