



Mahatma Gandhi was India's greatest modern leader. He was born in 1869, when India was still part of the British Empire. In 1888, Gandhi went to London to study law. He later lived in South Africa and set up a farm community where people grew their own food.

He became a leader of the Indian people in 1915. Gandhi led the Indian people in their struggle for independence from British rule. He called for peaceful protest because he hated fighting. He swore to speak the truth. He promised total non-violence. He lived poor and wore the traditional Indian clothes woven by hand himself. He ate simple vegetarian food. His

long fasts were both self-purification and social protest.

He was sent to prison several times but never gave up his beliefs. In 1947, India became independent. Gandhi was called Mahatma, meaning "great soul". People everywhere mourned when he was murdered in 1948.

**leader:** chief, guide  
**set up:** start, construct  
**community:** society  
**grow:** become larger  
**own:** have as possession  
**food:** things to eat

**struggle:** fight  
**independence:** freedom  
**rule:** government  
**peaceful:** no war  
**violence:** brutality  
**fast:** period of hunger

**both:** the two of them  
**purification:** cleaning  
**belief:** faith  
**mean:** signify  
**soul:** spirit  
**mourn:** be sad

### TRUE or FALSE?

Gandhi was a general.	<b>FALSE</b>
Gandhi was a rich merchant.	
Gandhi was a lawyer.	
Gandhi was also a famous chef.	
Gandhi was born in England.	
Gandhi was against British rule in India.	
Gandhi was very rich.	
Gandhi was the PM of Pakistan.	

Gandhi didn't like fighting.	
Mahatma means: Evil spirit.	
Gandhi owned a TV station.	
Gandhi murdered the British Prime Minister.	
Gandhi was sent to prison.	
Gandhi lived in India, in England and in South Africa	
Gandhi died in 1948.	
Today India is still a part of the British Empire.	