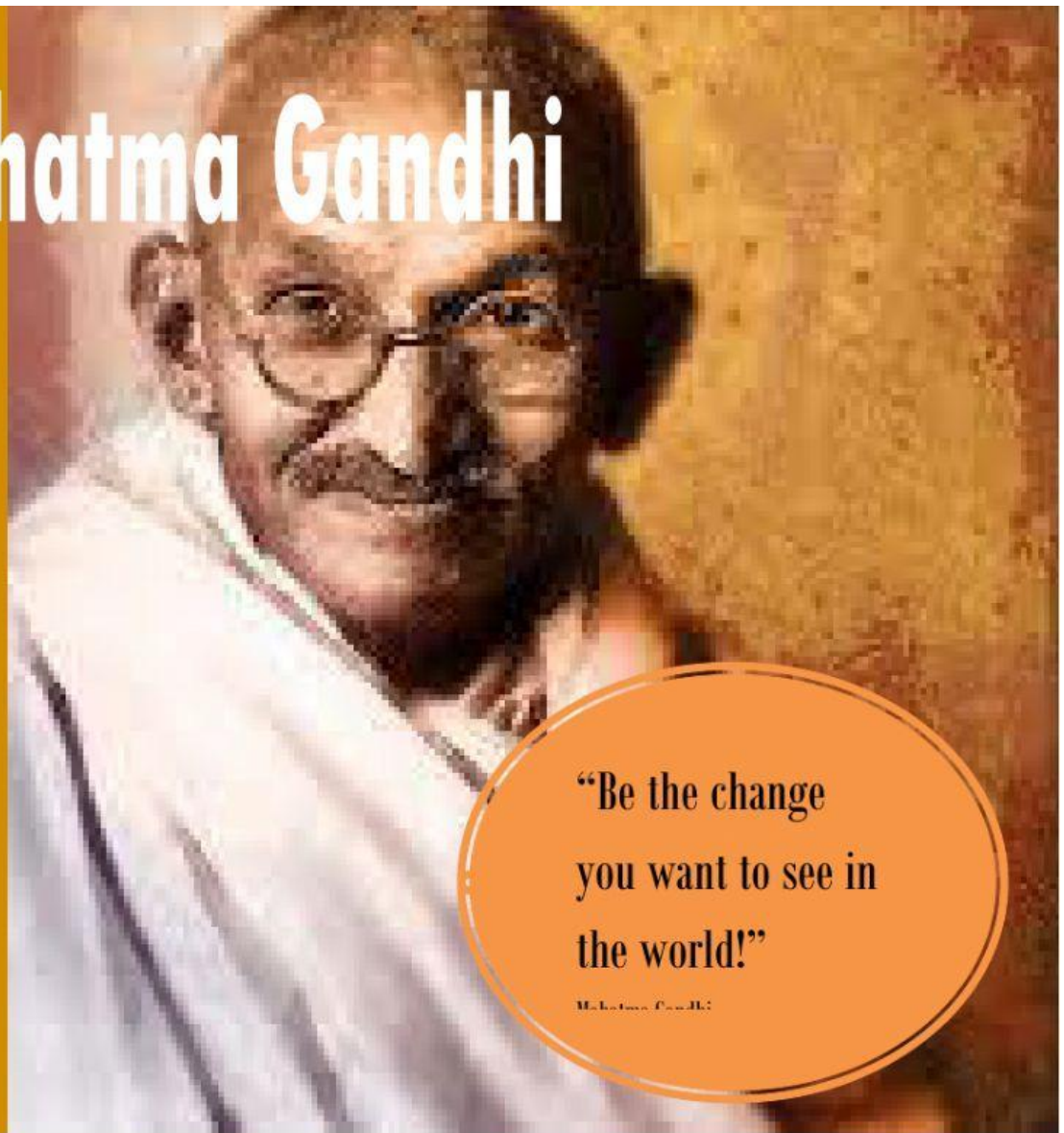


Mahatma Gandhi



**“Be the change
you want to see in
the world!”**

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There isn't a single country in the whole world where the name Mahatma Gandhi isn't known. Why did Gandhi become so famous? It was because he dedicated his whole life to the service of the motherland and the service of humanity.

He was born in India in 1869. The strict discipline of his father and the religious bent of mind of his mother all influenced Gandhi greatly. The values of truthfulness and honesty were instilled in him from the very beginning.

As a child he was not very brave. He was mortally afraid of the dark, of ghosts, and spirits, and also snakes and scorpions. Soon it was time for him to go to school. In the beginning he didn't like any of the subjects that were taught to him, but with encouragement from his teachers he studied them, and began to enjoy them and took his studies very seriously.

In connection with his work, Gandhi travelled a good deal. However, he was treated very badly by the British people. Wherever he went, he had to face insults and rudeness. At times he was physically insulted. One day when he was travelling from Durban to Pretoria (S.A.) in the first class compartment of a train, a British man boarded the compartment. On seeing Gandhi, the British man got furious. He called the railway officer, and they both ordered him to get out of the train. Since he had bought a first class ticket, he refused to do so. The police were summoned. They pushed him out of the compartment and threw his luggage out of the window.

Gandhi gave considerable thought to the matter and realized that to fight against injustice it was necessary to use an entirely different method – a non violent one.

A) True/ False / Doesn't Say (Write T/F/DS)

1. Gandhi is from India.
2. As a child he was afraid of nothing.
3. His father believed in God very much
4. He started school in 1869.
5. Gandhi didn't like bugs.
6. Gandhi liked school.
7. Gandhi took studies very seriously.
8. Gandhi travelled a lot.
9. Everywhere Gandhi came he was treated with respect.
10. Once Gandhi was pushed off a train.
11. Gandhi hated violence

B) Explain the quote in the yellow circle:

C) What impressed you about Gandhi?

D) Can you find Gandhi to have something in common with Mother Teresa?
