

Mahatma Gandhi

Questions:

1. Where was Gandhi born?
2. Gandhi had a range of professions – can you name 4 of them?
3. Do you know what *humility* means?
4. Can you find the antonym for *indifference* in the passage?
5. Do you know how long two decades are?
6. Can you name three of the hardships Gandhi experienced while in South Africa?
7. What was the name of the medal he was eventually awarded?
8. Gandhi tried — but failed — to oppose a bill in court that would deny Indians the right to vote. In what year did this happen?
9. Can you find the synonym for *persecution* in the passage?
10. Do you know what the word *mob* means?
11. In what year did Gandhi return to India?
12. In what year was the Jallianwala Bagh massacre?
13. Do you know what the word *passively* means?
14. Can you find the antonym for *hostile* in the passage?
15. At what age did Gandhi pass away?
16. What was the cause of Gandhi's death?
17. Name two of Gandhi's accolades.
18. What does *Mahatma* mean?
19. What is Sanskrit?
20. Do you know what *polymath* means?
21. Can you find the synonym for *autonomy* in the passage?

Answers:

1. India
2. Lawyer, politician, social activist and writer.
3. The quality or state of being humble – not thinking you are above others.
4. Passion
5. Decade = period of ten years. Two decades are 20 years.
6. He was thrown off a train, barred from hotels reserved for whites and assaulted by a white mob.
7. The Queen's South Africa medal
8. 1894
9. Oppression
10. A large group or crowd of people who are angry/violent or difficult to control.
11. 1914
12. 1919
13. Allowing things to happen, without active response or resistance.
14. Peaceful
15. 79
16. He was assassinated by a young Hindu fanatic.
17. He received the title of Mahatma; *Time* magazine's man of the year 1930; he was nominated several times for the Nobel Peace prize; a statue of Gandhi was erected in Johannesburg.
18. "Great soul"
19. An ancient language of India.
20. Someone who knows a lot about many different things.
21. Independence