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# Mohandas Gandhi (b. 1869)

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, a.k.a. "Mahatma Gandhi", Indian philosopher, peace activist and political leader; son of the Prime Minister of Rajkot, m. at 13 to Kastrubai Nakanji, st. law in London; starving vegetarian, advocate of fasting; stayed in South Africa 1893-1914; activist against racism, in favour of the rights of Indian immigrants; ambulance brigade sided with the British during Boer war; led much-publicised marches and strikes, philosophy of minimalist life-style, advocate of *satyagraha* or peaceful resistance vs. the British in South Africa and India, read Thoreau, friend of Tolstoy and Tagore; imprisoned and released; artificer of reforms in British colonial laws and of India’s independence; assassinated.

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