



A GANDHI Chronology

"If we are to make progress, we must not repeat history, but make new history."

—Gandhi

1869 Mohandas Gandhi born. The Suez Canal opens. An Indian citizen achieves the highest score on the Indian civil service examination, but is denied advancement by the British. In the U.S.A., the Civil War has been over for four years, and Howard College becomes the first American institution of higher learning for Black citizens.



1898–1902 Gandhi begins anti-British activity in South Africa. The Boer War begins. The Spanish-American War expands American influence in the Western hemisphere.



1915 Gandhi returns to India and establishes his ashram, or retreat, near Ahmedabad. The *Lusitania* is sunk by the Germans.

1882 Gandhi marries his 13-year-old bride, Kasturbai.

1885 India's National Congress Party, eventually to become the ruling party of independent India, meets for the first time in Bombay.

1893 Gandhi, a young lawyer, arrives in South Africa. In India, demonstrations are organized against the *Raj*. In America the violent Pullman Strike is only months away (1894).



1907 Gandhi begins nonviolent protest in South Africa, encouraging Indians to burn their mandatory registration cards. In India, the Muslim league, ultimately the ruling party of Pakistan, is born.

1914 World War I begins; Gandhi supports the British.

1917 Champaran: Gandhi begins his work in India by leading nonviolent resistance among starving farmers. The USA enters World War I; the Russian Revolution begins.

1919 Massacre at Amritsar: the British Brigadier Dyer orders his troops to fire into a crowd of unarmed Indians, killing 400; riots break out. In America, prohibition is enacted and the League of Nations is founded.

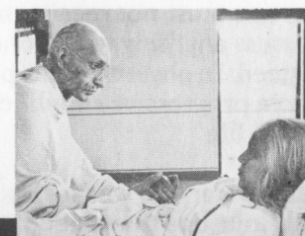


1920 Gandhi leads national resistance against the British; mass burnings of English cloth. American women win the right to vote.

1929 "Black Friday" (October 29) and the crash of Wall Street; the Great Depression begins. Martin Luther King is born.

1930 Gandhi leads the Salt March to protest the British monopoly on salt. Reports of a bloody raid on a salt processing plant create a wave of sympathy in America.

1943 Gandhi's wife, Kasturbai, dies in prison after 58 years of marriage.



1948

1922 After violence in Chauri-Chaura, Gandhi calls off the movement.

1924 In prison, Gandhi fasts for Hindu-Muslim unity. In another prison, Adolf Hitler writes *Mein Kampf*.

1932 In prison again, Gandhi fasts for the Untouchables. Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected president in America.

1942 Gandhi is arrested again as sentiment grows for the British to "quit India." In America, the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) is founded.

1947 India becomes independent...and Pakistan is founded as an independent and separate Muslim state. Nehru becomes Indian Prime Minister and Gandhi travels to Noakhali, Delhi, and Calcutta, risking his life to stop the riots between Muslims and Hindus. In New York, the United Nations convenes for the first time.



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