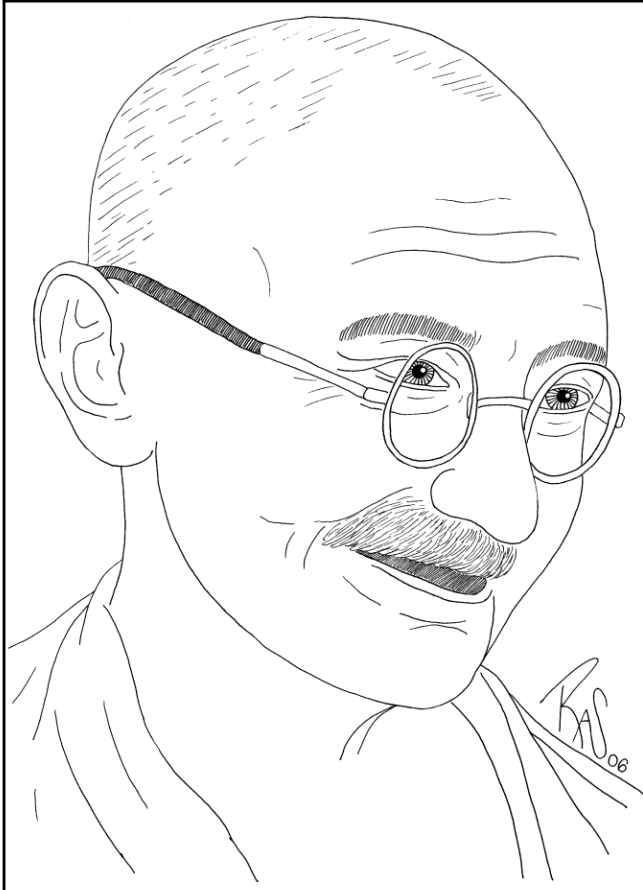


# Be a Hero for a Better World



"If we all discharge our duties,  
rights will not be far to seek.  
If leaving duties unperformed we run after rights,  
they will escape us like a will-o'-the-wisp."

## Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869-1948)

*"There is enough for everybody's need,  
but not for everybody's greed."*

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was a political and spiritual leader of India and the Indian independence movement. He has come to be recognized as one of the greatest advocates of peace and social change through nonviolence. His teaching of Satyagraha -- resisting oppression through nonviolent means such as civil disobedience -- was the driving force that helped India win its independence from Britain. His methods and teachings greatly influenced other great leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr. and were employed in other civil rights and freedom efforts throughout the world. Throughout his life, Gandhi continued to advocate for nonviolence, alleviating poverty, empowering women, economic fairness and brotherhood among all religions and ethnicities.

Gandhi is commonly referred to as Mahatma Gandhi, as mahatma is Sanskrit for "Great Soul." He is officially recognized as the Father of his nation and his birthday is commemorated as a national holiday. In 2007, the United Nations declared that his birthday, October 2, should be observed as the "International Day of Non-Violence."

**Mohandas Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869 in Porbandar, India**

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1. Find out more about this hero
2. Hold an event to raise awareness about human rights issues
3. Contribute to organizations working to defend human rights

### Human Rights Organizations

- Amnesty International ([amnesty.org](http://amnesty.org))
- Carter Center ([cartercenter.org](http://cartercenter.org))
- Human Rights First ([humanrightsfirst.org](http://humanrightsfirst.org))
- Human Rights Watch ([hri.org](http://hri.org))
- Rights International ([rightsinternational.org](http://rightsinternational.org))
- UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights ([ohchr.org](http://ohchr.org))
- Witness ([witness.org](http://witness.org))
- Women's Human Rights Net ([whrnet.org](http://whrnet.org))

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