

Write a short essay on Mahatma Gandhi 200-250 words

Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi, the father of the nation popularly known as **Mahatma Gandhi or Bapu**. He was born on **2nd October 1869**. His father **Karam Chand Gandhi** was the *Diwan* and his **mother Pulibai** was a *religious and pious lady*.

At the age of seven, he went to school. After *Matriculation* and *college* studies he went to **England** to **study law**. There he became a **barrister** and returned home. He started his practice at **Bombay** and then he went to **Rajkot**.

In one case he had to go to **South Africa**, where he stayed for twenty-one years. There he saw the pathetic condition of Indians. He fought bravely against the white men's *injustice towards the Indians*. Due to his efforts **Indian Relief Act was passed in 1914**. This bettered the lot of Indians.

In 1915 he came back to India and **joined congress**. He launched his **Satyagrah Movement** against the **British**. Under his leadership, congress started *non-violence* and *non-cooperation* movement to oppose the unjust acts of British Government. He led the historic Dandi March and broke the salt law. In **1942** he started "**Quit India**" movement and forced the **British to leave India**. At last, due to his efforts, India got **independence in August 1947**.

He led a very simple life. It was from there he led this country to freedom. He worked for the upliftment of Harijans.

On the evening of **30th January, 1948**, **Nathu Ram Godse** fired three shots on him at **Birla Bhawan** while he was holding his prayer meeting as usual. Thus the true servant of humanity left his footprints on the sands of time.