

Note: Students are instructed to write the following essay in their English grammar book with pencil in the space given in page no. 85.

MAHATMA GANDHI

Many great leaders have taken birth on Indian soil. Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi popularly known as Mahatma Gandhi was born in a middle class family in Gujarat on 2nd October, 1869. He was an average student at school but showed signs of future greatness. He did not obey his teacher to copy from a fellow student to show better performances to the school Inspector who visited the school. He was influenced by Harish Chandra's truthfulness and Sarvana's service to his parents.

After Matriculation in India, he went to England to study Law after which he returned to India. Sometime later he went to South Africa. He saw that the Indians were badly discriminated there. He fought for their rights despite threats by the white regime there.

He returned to India and impressed Indian leaders with his life principal of Ahimsa (non-violence). With this weapon, he continued freedom struggle and ultimately won it in August 1947. He taught Indians the dignity of labour. He did not favour such a system of education to produce clerks only. He advocated basic education which could accommodate Indian traditions.

He impressed everyone with simplicity of his life-style, sincerity of purpose and strength of character. On 30th January, 1948, he fell to the bullets of a misguided Indian youth.