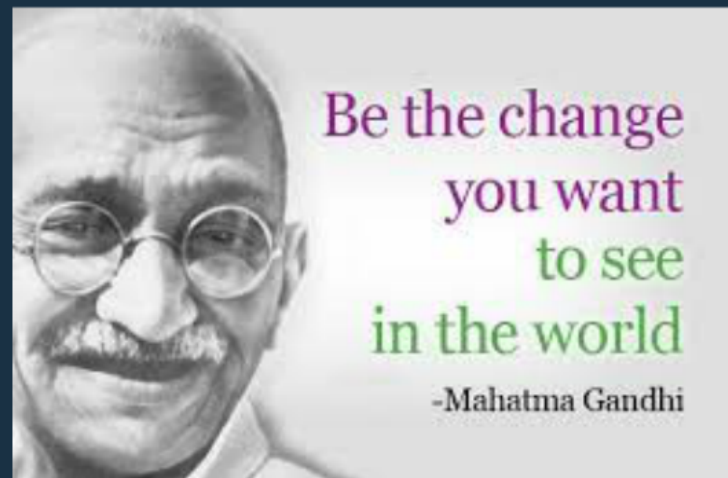


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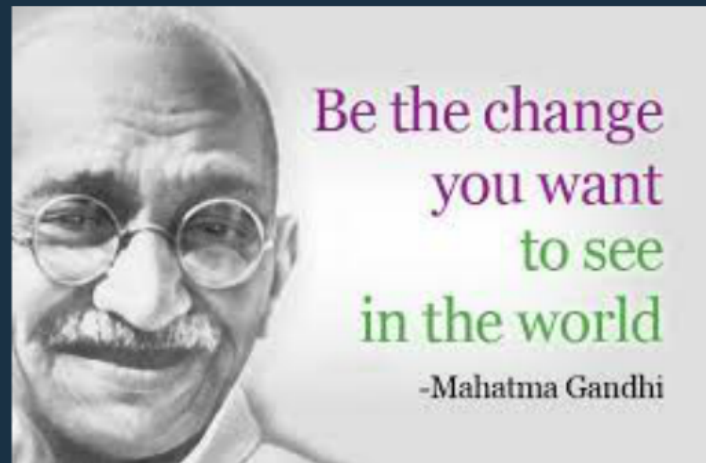
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## *Key Terms*

### **Indian National Congress:**

- Biggest influence on the Indian Independence Movement

### **Reform:**

- Making changes economically, politically, and socially

### **British East India Trading Company:**

- British joint-stock company used to trade with the East Indies

### **Swaraj:**

- Mohandas Gandhi's concept of self-rule

### **Satyagraha:**

- Mohandas Gandhi's concept of nonviolent protest

### **Pakistan:**

- The new country created by the partition of India, Urdu for "land of the pure"

### **East India Company:**

- A trade company established in the 1600s by Queen Elizabeth that monopolized the Indian industry and effectively ruled over India until 1858

### **Indian National Congress:**

- The nationalist governing body established in 1885 made up of educated Indians

### **Nationalists:**

- Indians advocating for freedom from the British

### **Hindu:**

- The main religion of India at the time of the independence movement

### **Muslim:**

- A prominent religion in India at the time of the independence movement

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- The new country created by the partition of India, Urdu for "land of the pure"



## *Background Summary- Social Causes*

- Repression
  - Main cause of the Indian Independence Movement under Gandhi was India's desire for independence from foreign rule
- Civil Disobedience
  - Civil disobedience was a cause of the Indian Independence Movement
    - The practice of "Padyatra" (long, spiritual march) helped many social movements going into the main Indian Independence Movement

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## *Background Summary- Political Causes*

- Restlessness
  - Indian people were growing restless from having no say in what happened to them politically.
- Foreign Rulers
  - Constantly being ruled over by other countries
  - At the time of the start of the rebellion, it was the British who were ruling over India.
- Before the movement began, the Indian National Congress was formed.
  - Major stepping stone to actually achieving independence
- Patriotism
  - Indian people took on new levels of patriotism, which helped show the British how serious they were about wanting independence
- Nationalism
  - Indian nationalists turned to Gandhi at the start of the movement

## Background Summary- Economic Causes

- Gradual economic reform
  - India wanted a sound economy through gradual reform to bring back domestic rule
- Foreign ruling
  - The British rule destroyed the Indian economic interest
- Swadeshi Movement
  - Economic strategy that became a contributing factor.
  - Aimed at removing the British from power
  - Swadeshi= Self sufficient
    - The movement followed those ideals

## Background Summary- Religious or Military Factors

- Muslim separatism
  - Growth of Muslim separatism contributed to the timing/shape of the independence movement
  - Muslims represented the diversity of the Indian population
  - Felt threatened by British power and formed the Muslim League in 1906

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## Summary of Major Events:

- Movement began in 1857 and ended in 1947
- Gandhi returned to India in 1915.
  - Soon after, he began to teach his concepts and became the leader of several of the movements within the Indian Independence Movement
- British East India Trading Company ruled over most of India's internal affairs at the time.
  - Gandhi was able to unite so many people over a shared hatred of the British that stemmed from their ruling over India
- The movement gained momentum during world war 2, because India cooperated with British war efforts.
  - They cooperated with the hope that Britain would leave after the war ended, but Britain did not go.
- When India gained their independence, it marked the end of over 200 years of British rule.
- <https://www.timetoast.com/timelines/indian-independence-movement--3>
  - Summary/timeline of the many movements that occurred throughout the movement.