

EXTENSION ACTIVITY 3

GANDHI AND CASTE

1. Reintroduce students to the photo of a young Gandhi and explain that in his early years, Gandhi defended the Hindu Caste System as he felt that the poverty and discrimination permeating Indian society at the time, was not because of Hinduism, but rather a symptom of British rule.
2. Show students the photo of an older Gandhi and explain that in his later years, Gandhi began to challenge his earlier views, and he became more critical of the Hindu Caste System.
3. Split the class in two and ask one group to research Gandhi's earlier writings on caste, and the other group to explore his later writings on the subject.

Questions to consider:

- Which views do you agree with and why?
 - How can the views a person holds, be related to a particular time in history?
4. Hold a class debate to discuss.

