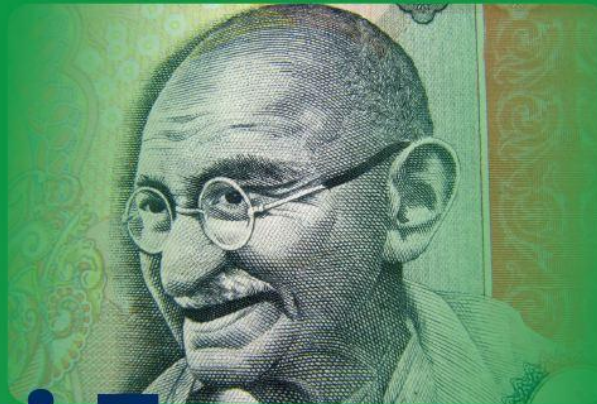




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Top Finalist for URI Gandhi Essay Contest!

The purpose of this contest is to celebrate the life teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and to encourage students to think critically about, personally connect with, and be challenged by his legacy of nonviolence.



Gandhi Essay Contest 2011-2012

Essay Prompt:

Gandhi brought his wife and children from India to South Africa in 1898 on a ship called the Courland. A crowd of white South Africans protested the ship's arrival and threatened violence to the dark-skinned immigrant passengers. When Gandhi disembarked, he was surrounded and violently attacked by the angry mob threatening to lynch him. He narrowly escaped and when asked to identify his attackers so they could be arrested and punished, Gandhi refused. Throughout his life Gandhi chose love and truth over violence, never retaliating with violence against his attackers. Gandhi was once reported to have said, "An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind."

Write a personal essay in which you explain what you think Gandhi means by the quote "An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind." Also, discuss how you think this saying has meaning for our world today? Describe examples of what you have done or what you could do to make the world a better place following Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence.