

LI: Know about Gandhi's Salt March and recount events in the first person.

SC:

Plot route on map.

Write a diary entry as Gandhi.



Q: How do we get salt from water?

A: Evaporate the water.

Optional Experiment:

Leave a pot of water with salt in in a warm place and observe the evaporation process.

You could: Record the experiment, make predictions and explain the science. Discuss the importance of salt.

In the 1930s in India we would all face a 6 month prison sentence for conducting this experiment!

Watch The Salt March animation on You Tube (Google Mahatma Gandhi, The Salt March – Esther David)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1_Dm1ZjRAM

- Salt was a staple ingredient in the Indian diet and people were forced to buy it from the British who had a monopoly and charged a heavy tax. Salt Laws were introduced and it became illegal to sell, collect and produce. The punishment was 6 months in prison.
- When Britain put a tax on salt, Gandhi decided to walk 241 miles (walking about 12 miles a day) to the sea in Dandi to make his own salt. The March took place in March (starting on the 12th) and April 1930. Thousands of Indians joined him in his march and nearly 18,000 people were arrested. Gandhi would address the crowds as he marched, attracting more and more people as he went. He had intended to turn the crystallized sea salt into a useable product but the police got to the sea first and crushed all the salt deposits into the mud. Gandhi picked up a few salt grains and promised to shake the foundations of the British Empire.
- In January 1931, Gandhi was released from prison and was allowed to take part in negotiations with the British regarding salt. They discussed reforms in India.

12th March 1930:

Dear Diary...

Why are you angry?

Explain your anger, disgust and sadness...

Discuss the law...

Discuss the consequences of breaking the law...

Next to air and water, salt is perhaps the greatest necessity of life.

Salt is essential for our health.

13th March:

Having left Ahmedabad, I feel...

Motivated – 78 people have joined the march.

Tired – 12 mile walk.

Aches and pains

Temperature

Fight for freedom from British rule.

30th March:

Feelings... pride, hope, happiness, exhaustion etc.

Nearly 60,000 have joined the march.

1st April:

Three weeks after I began my journey...

214 miles later...

Arrived in the seaside town of Dandhi.

A battle of right against might.

Walked to the sea...

With these crystals of salt I will shape the foundation of the British Empire.

14th April:

Despite 18,000 arrests...

Invited to London by British Empire.

News coverage.

Turning point in history of independence.

Peacefully stood up against injustice.

If everyone as small and powerless as a grain of salt stands together, it can....