

Specific Guidelines for RI 8th Grade Gandhi Essay Contest

1. Study the Gandhi quote and explanatory paragraph for this year's essay:

“Earth provides enough to satisfy every person's needs, but not every person's greed.”

Most of us know that Gandhi was a moral and political leader, a nonviolent activist, a humanist, and a pacifist. However, few think of Gandhi as an environmentalist. Yet, he was, as were many of his followers. It is quite amazing that he spoke of environmental problems over a hundred years ago, illustrating his insight and farsightedness. Today, Gandhi's perceptiveness is even more relevant as we become aware of the global environmental crisis.

2. Research information about Gandhi, his thoughts and ideas, particularly related to the quote. Use numerous resources, such as books, articles, websites.
3. Write maximum of 750 words, focused on the three directives:
 - a. Explain what you think Gandhi meant by the above quote.
 - b. Reflect about what the quote means to you personally and to the global climate crisis.
 - c. Describe examples of how Gandhi's ideas could be applied to your school or community.
4. Use 12 point Times Roman font.
5. Submit online. If this is a problem to submit electronically, please contact us by email: gandhiessay.etal.uri.edu.
6. To understand how the essays are assessed, see Rubric on Gandhi Essay website.
7. If you have any questions, please contact the Center by phone: 401.874.2875 or email.