Gandhi and Ambedkar: Taking Responsibility for the Rights of the Untouchables

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Why we chose our topic:

Both of us are interested in the history of India and how Indian traditions came to be so we decided to research the revolutionaries of the Indian nation. Also, we knew that we had many connections through our families and our topic, as they knew about some of the people we were researching about. Therefore we were able to receive guidance to other resources which helped us develop a better understanding of our topic.

How we conducted our research:

We consulted several speeches that were given by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and M.K. Gandhi for primary facts and details. Organizational websites provided us with interesting images of each individual. Also we were able to find many images from many of the movements and of the caste system. We browsed through academic websites and image galleries. Official websites contained newspaper archives and clippings that we used throughout our website.

How we created our project:

We both were particularly interested in technology, so we decided to infuse that aspect, as well as creativity to create a website on the Weebly platform. We felt that a website was an effective way to describe and analyze our topic in a clear and informative way. By using the Weebly platform, we were able to design and format our website such that it included organized tabs and multiple subpages. A website would also allow for multiple media forms, and music, an example would provide a thematic look.

How it connects to the NHD theme:

This topic connects to the NHD theme of Rights and Responsibilities because it is based off of the hardships and responsibilities of both Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and Mr. Mahatma Gandhi who decided to be leaders and help people of the lower, less privileged, castes. Their responsibilities in helping them attain these rights were through many speeches, political events, and rebellions against higher, more privileged castes. The fight for the lower caste (also known as Untouchables) rights was an issue that created divides in a pre-independence India. In conclusion the battle to bring rights to the untouchables wouldn’t have been solved without the guidance of both the leaders.

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