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Mahatma Gandhi's ashes finally scattered

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Mahatma Gandhi died 62 years ago but his ashes have only just been scattered. Gandhi was assassinated on January 30, 1948. Since then, his 69-year-old granddaughter Ela Gandhi has kept his ashes. There were many family arguments over what they should do with them. They finally decided to scatter them in the Indian Ocean off the coast of South Africa. Gandhi spent much of his younger years there campaigning for Indian workers' rights. Ela said: "It was a beautiful ceremony attended by more than 200 people."

It's wonderful that Mahatma Gandhi's ashes have finally been scattered. He was a truly great man. Today's youngsters everywhere in the world need to learn about him. His message of non-violence can teach many world leaders a lot. Gandhi was a hero for so many people. Martin Luther King Jr. often quoted Gandhi's words: "Through our pain we will make them see their injustice." Perhaps one of the biggest injustices of the twentieth century is this – Mahatma Gandhi never received a Nobel Peace Prize.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. his ashes have only just | a. rights |
| 2. Gandhi was | b. more than 200 |
| 3. family | c. assassinated |
| 4. off the coast | d. been scattered |
| 5. campaigning for Indian workers' | e. arguments |
| 6. a beautiful ceremony attended by | f. of South Africa |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. a truly | a. the 20th century |
| 2. His message | b. many people |
| 3. a hero for so | c. Nobel Peace Prize |
| 4. quoted | d. of non-violence |
| 5. the biggest injustices of | e. great man |
| 6. Gandhi never received a | f. Gandhi's words |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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It's wonderful that Mahatma Gandhi's ashes have finally been scattered. He was _____. Today's youngsters everywhere in the _____ about him. His message of non-violence can teach many _____. Gandhi _____ many people. Martin Luther King Jr. often quoted Gandhi's words: "Through _____ make them see their injustice." Perhaps one of the biggest injustices of the twentieth century is this - Mahatma Gandhi _____ Nobel Peace Prize.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Mahatma Gandhi (1) _____ 62 years ago but his ashes have only just been scattered. Gandhi was assassinated on January 30, 1948. Since (2) _____, his 69-year-old granddaughter Ela Gandhi has kept his ashes. There were many family arguments (3) _____ what they should do with them. They finally decided to scatter them in the Indian Ocean (4) _____ the coast of South Africa. Gandhi spent much of his younger years there campaigning for Indian workers' rights. Ela said: "It was a beautiful ceremony (5) _____ by more than 200 people."

It's wonderful that Mahatma Gandhi's ashes have (6) _____ been scattered. He was a truly great man. Today's youngsters everywhere in the world need to learn about him. His message of (7) _____-violence can teach many world leaders (8) _____ lot. Gandhi was a hero for so many people. Martin Luther King Jr. often quoted Gandhi's words: "Through our (9) _____ we will make them see their injustice." Perhaps one of the biggest injustices of the twentieth century is (10) _____ - Mahatma Gandhi never received a Nobel Peace Prize.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) died | (b) death | (c) dead |
| 2. | (a) that | (b) there | (c) then |
| 3. | (a) under | (b) over | (c) across |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) off | (c) to |
| 5. | (a) attended | (b) attend | (c) attendance |
| 6. | (a) finally | (b) final | (c) finalize |
| 7. | (a) not | (b) non | (c) no |
| 8. | (a) the | (b) so | (c) a |
| 9. | (a) painful | (b) pain | (c) pained |
| 10. | (a) that | (b) these | (c) this |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. only tsju
2. tekp his ashes
3. lyfaim arguments
4. off the sotac
5. workers' grihts
6. a beautiful necyreom

Paragraph 2

7. It's refowudln
8. a uylrt great man
9. emssaeg of non-violence
10. doqute Gandhi's words
11. see their jeuinisct
12. the twentieth tnryuec

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () biggest injustices of the twentieth century is this – Mahatma Gandhi never received a Nobel Peace Prize.
- () can teach many world leaders a lot. Gandhi was a hero for so many people. Martin Luther King Jr. often quoted
- (**1**) Mahatma Gandhi died 62 years ago but his ashes have only just been scattered. Gandhi was assassinated
- () on January 30, 1948. Since then, his 69-year-old granddaughter Ela Gandhi has kept his
- () man. Today’s youngsters everywhere in the world need to learn about him. His message of non-violence
- () scatter them in the Indian Ocean off the coast of South Africa. Gandhi spent much of his younger years there
- () ashes. There were many family arguments over what they should do with them. They finally decided to
- () campaigning for Indian workers’ rights. Ela said: “It was a beautiful ceremony attended by more than 200 people.”
- () It’s wonderful that Mahatma Gandhi’s ashes have finally been scattered. He was a truly great
- () Gandhi’s words: “Through our pain we will make them see their injustice.” Perhaps one of the

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. have ashes His scattered been just only.

2. 1948 on January Gandhi 30, was assassinated.

3. do over with what them they should Arguments.

4. coast South the of Africa Off.

5. more people beautiful by 200 A attended than ceremony.

6. . was He truly a man great

7. world Today's everywhere the youngsters in.

8. many message - teach His non can of violence.

9. Gandhi so was many a people hero for.

10. biggest The century twentieth the of injustices.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. MAHATMA GANDHI: Search the Internet and find more information about Mahatma Gandhi. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about cremations and funerals. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a hero of Mahatma Gandhi. Ask him/her three questions about Gandhi. Give him/her three of your opinions on Mahatma Gandhi. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.