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## Research Activity and Presentation: World Peace Leaders

For the last 10 years, volunteers of the Shanti Fund have celebrated Mahatma Gandhi's birthday on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, a day that in 2007 was unanimously voted by the United Nations as "International Day of Non-Violence." Gandhi was one of the greatest promoters of peace in our time.

The volunteers of the Shanti Fund have taken the challenge of promoting peace culture among children on Long Island, following the teachings of Gandhi.

The Smithtown Central School district, along with 11 other Long Island districts in over 50 schools have embraced the mission of the Shanti Fund; that is "To promote a culture of peace and non-violence in our school communities all over the world."

To that end, we here at Great Hollow wish to create a school atmosphere of peace with our Anti- message of **"See It...Say It...Stop It!"** and Gandhi's message of ownership: **"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."** The idea is that if we want our school to be a place that is friendly, generous, gentle, and compassionate, we must first begin with *ourselves* and our *own* attitudes.

The Reverend Desmond Tutu has stated, "I am human because I belong." Put another way, a person is a person through other people." Because we need one another, our natural tendency is to be cooperative and helpful. If this were not true, says Tutu, we would have died out as a species long ago, consumed by our violence and hate. Instead, we keep on because we strive for harmony and peace in our world.

As Gandhi says, "power based on love is a thousand times more effective and permanent than the one derived from fear."

### **Project's Purpose**

Keeping in mind our efforts as a school community to send and maintain a message and atmosphere of peace, you will research world leaders in teams. We will visit the library for a brief presentation of how to utilize the technology, and then, in your assigned team you will use the questionnaire activity to collect data you find about your world leader. You will then work with your partners to prepare a 2 minute presentation to be presented to the class by your team. In addition, individually you will prepare, from your team research, your own one to two page report on your world leader. You are to do your research and your activity sheet with your team partners, however, you **MUST** write your report on your own. You are also required to cite where you got your research from at the end of your report. You must have at least two sources from the Web Path Express (the Destiny Search Engine) and the other from a Database in our library. To cite the sources, you must use *MLA Style*; see the sample works cited format attached.

### **World Peace Leaders**

You will be placed in groups of 4-5 students to research one of the following world peace leaders: Cesar Chavez, Martin L. King, Wangari Maathai, Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, or Elie Wiesel. Use the activity questionnaire provided to gather your information on lined paper and be sure to write neatly as you will need to turn in these note pages along with your final report.

## World Peace Leaders: Activity Sheet for Gathering Information

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your World Peace Leader \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.) During what time period did your world leader live or work and where did he/she live and grow up?
- 2.) What personal or cultural events in his/her life influenced your leader to become a major proponent of world peace?
- 3.) What major world events impacted society during the time period your world leader became widely heard?
- 4.) What is the overall message of your world peace leader?
- 5.) Provide a collage or collection page of some quotes and pictures of your world leader.
- 6.) Be sure to cite your two sources at the end of your report.

Be sure your report has a minimum of five paragraphs: an introduction, a fully developed body, and a conclusion. Your introduction should thoroughly allow your reader to "meet" your world peace leader, while your body develops information about him or her. Your conclusion should end with your world leader's general message of peace and how it is necessary for us to continue striving to disseminate and maintain that message through our OWN actions as well. Remember: we all have a voice and we all can make a difference in the world.

Due date: \_\_\_\_\_



*“Real education consists in drawing the best out of yourself.” ~*  
Mahatma Gandhi

