During his crucial years in South Africa from 1893-1914, M.K. Gandhi developed a nonviolent method of opposing the racial laws and attitudes towards Indians in South Africa, pointing the way to the movement to free India from British control. To bring his vision into reality Gandhi needed supporters, and he found them or they found him. They were an unusual assortment of people, and the most important ones will be discussed.

Gandhi was complex, charismatic, and paradoxical. He made superhuman demands on himself, and his followers. He, and they, experienced psychological and personal consequences. He had troubled relations with his wife and children and some of his trusted allies.

Gandhi is one of the most influential people in modern history. He perfected the use on the world stage of a nonviolent method in seeking freedom from oppression. He urged religious toleration at a time of great intolerance. He supported the poor and dispossessed. He and his followers wrestled satyagraha into being.

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