Name _____

1 Read and number the definitions.

1. South Africans ☐ equality and freedom for all
2. civil rights [1] people from South Africa
3. lawyer ☐ unfair treatment due to one's identity
4. discrimination ☐ an activist who promotes civil rights
5. civil rights leader ☐ a person who legally represents clients in courts of law

South Africa

Mahatma Gandhi

Mohandas Gandhi was an Indian civil rights leader. He lived from 1869 to 1948, mostly in India and South Africa. People around the world think that he was a great man. In 1914, people gave him the name Mahatma, which means 'great **soul**.'

When Gandhi was young, he loved traditional Indian stories about **truth**. Truth and justice were very important to him. When he worked as a lawyer in South Africa, he experienced a lot of **discrimination** against Indians and **black** South Africans. He wanted the injustice to stop, so he organised peaceful **protests**. These protests helped many people.

After that, Gandhi returned to India. There, he organised more peaceful protests and helped India become an independent country. Someone **assassinated** Gandhi in 1948, but his work continues to inspire people all over the world. In 1966, Indian banks started to put Gandhi's image on almost all Indian Rupee bills.

2 Tick (✓) the correct words to complete the sentences.

1. Mahatma Gandhi's real first name was _____
   ☑ Mohandas. ☐ Mohinder.
2. Gandhi was born in 1869 and died in _____
   ☐ 1914. ☐ 1948.
3. Young Gandhi loved stories about _____
   ☐ truth. ☐ law.
4. He organised many _____ protests.
   ☐ peaceful ☐ country
5. Gandhi helped India become _____
   ☐ famous. ☐ independent.
6. Gandhi's work _____ many people today.
   ☐ mistreats ☐ inspires

3 Stop and Think!
Gandhi said, 'Be the change that you want to see in the world.' What does that mean to you?

Glossary
soul: the intangible spirit of a person

truth: facts or reality; not a lie

discrimination: unfair treatment

black: people with brown skin, usually of African descent

protests: manifestations of disagreement

assassinated: murdered for political reasons