*Satyagraha*:  the Basic Precepts
*"The doctrine of Satyagraha works on the principle that* ***you make the so-called enemy see and realize the injustice he is engaged in.***

*As a satyagrahi, I do believe that non-violence is a potent weapon against all evils.*

*I warn you however, that the* ***victory will not come easy****- just like it will not come easy with violent methods such as fighting with weaponry"*

-M. K. Gandhi

The *Satyagraha* **Code of Discipline**

The following points were laid down by Gandhi as a code for volunteers in the 1930 movement:

* Have no anger; **endure the anger of the opponent**. Refuse to return any assault from the opponent.
* **Do not submit to any order given in anger**, even though severe punishment is threatened for disobeying.
* **No insults or swearing** at the authorities.
* Protect opponents from insult or attack, even at the risk of your own life.
* **Do not resist arrest** or the confiscation of property.
* If taken prisoner, **behave in an exemplary manner**.
* As a member of a *satyagraha* unit, **obey the orders of *satyagraha* leaders**, and resign from the unit in the event of serious disagreement.
* **Accept all** who want to join.

**Steps** in a Satyagraha campaign

* **Negotiation** (*engage with your opponent*)
* **Preparation** of the group for action *(train and create a specific plan)*
* **Agitation/confrontation**
* Issuing of an **ultimatum** *(State exactly what you want, why you want it, and when you want it)*
* **Economic boycott and forms of strike** *(refuse to buy their products, or work in their shops)*
* **Non-cooperation** *(shut down the economy, transportation, etc.)*
* **Civil disobedience** *(break the law, in as gentle a way as possible)*
* **Usurping of the functions of government** *(provide services to the people)*
* **Parallel government** *(show that you are capable of creating an orderly system)*

Gandhi and other Indian leaders

**Questions to answer:**

1. Which aspects of the Code of Discipline do you think would be the most difficult to follow?

2. Why should people engaged in protest refrain from “insults and swearing”?

3. Which steps do you think are most likely to be effective against the British? Why?

4. Define *Satyagraha* in your own words. Compare it with other philosophies of protest.

5. Why do you think that *Satyagraha* worked against the British in India?