

# Gandhi, My Father

## Study Notes



**Directed by:** Feroz Abbas Khan

**Certificate:** PG

**Running time:** 136 minutes

**Release date:** 3 August 2007

*Gandhi, My Father* is essentially a story about the troubled relationship Gandhi shared with his eldest son, Harilal Gandhi.

### Synopsis

While Gandhi was hailed as the father of the nation, his son Harilal always resented the fact that for him, he was like a father who never was. Even Mahatma Gandhi accepted this fact once and apologised to his son for the same. But rather than forgive his father, Harilal chooses to tread the path that is completely against his idealistic father's principles. A frustrated Harilal Gandhi goes haywire in a bid to embrace success. He longs to live a life free from the overpowering burden of being the Mahatma's son, eventually leading to his downfall.

## Questions For Discussion

1. Why do you think it is important to tell the story of the relationship between Mahatma Gandhi and his eldest son?
2. Harilal Gandhi is constantly in a state of mental turmoil. Why do you think that is?
3. From viewing the film, what ideologies do you think Mahatma Gandhi stood for?
4. Kasturba Gandhi tries to bridge the gap between her husband and son. Is she successful?