

Grade 9 Answer

Explain Difference/Similarity

8
Marks

Question:

Explain two ways in which the role of Jomo Kenyatta and the role of Mahatma Gandhi were similar. (8 marks)

Answer:

Firstly, one way in which the role of Jomo Kenyatta and the role of Mahatma Gandhi were similar was the aim for independence. Kenyatta was a politician in East Africa and helped to set up the Pan-African Congress in Manchester in 1945 which laid the groundwork for the independence of African countries. When he was released from prison in 1961, he led negotiations for independence between Kenyans and the British government. Similarly, Gandhi also strived for Indian independence from Britain. He led strikes and non-violent protests such as the 1930 Salt March, which gained worldwide sympathy for Indian nationalism. Gandhi also released books to further gain traction for the Indian independence movement.

A second way in which the role of Jomo Kenyatta and the role of Mahatma Gandhi were similar was their long-term influence. Kenyatta successfully negotiated Kenya's independence and became Kenya's first prime minister in 1963. Within Kenya, Kenyatta is considered the 'Father of the Nation', and had a number of places named after him, such as Kenyatta Airport in Nairobi. This demonstrates how impactful his role was, and the large influence he has within Africa. Similarly, Gandhi played a major role in the independence of India, and his book 'Hind Swaraj' gained worldwide coverage. Gandhi's non-violent protests also inspired many major figures in history, including Martin Luther King, who was a prominent figure in the Civil Rights Movement in USA.

Feedback:

This answer would get 8/8 marks because the pupil has identified two similarities in the periods (aim for independence and long-term influence). Both similarities were explained using detailed knowledge and understanding.

