Gandhi Film Scene 14 (40 minutes)

Gandhi has had several legal and political victories in India. The British realize that they are helpless to stop his popularity. People in other parts of the world are reading about Gandhi and the people’s struggle. The Amritsar tragedy in which over 1,100 Indians were either killed or wounded, added to England’s ugly image in the world’s opinion polls. Gandhi wants to call the people’s attention to their overall goal: Indian independence with dignity. He proposes different ways to hurt British interests.

**1. Why does he propose that the people burn articles of clothing? How will this hurt the British economy?** Since the clothes are imported from Britain, it will hurt their economy since the British are using resources to manufacture clothing just for them to be burned.

**2. What does he ask the people to do to prove they can survive without British products?** He asks people to get rid of all British clothes and only keep the essential needs.

**3. What sacrifices does he ask the people to make in the cause of freedom?** Some sacrifices he asks people to make in the cause of freedom are to take loans, give up their clothes and side with each other, despite their differences.

**4. Why do the marchers riot in front of the police station at Chauri? What happens?** The marchers riot in front of the police station at Chauri since the police were beating an innocent person. The rioters light the building on fire and the police officers go outside and they get beaten.

5. **What is Gandhi prepared to do to end the violence? What is the result?** Gandhi is prepared to end his campaign to end the violence. He doesn’t want anything to do with violence. The results are that, Gandhi tries to convince people to protest peacefully.

6. **Gandhi makes a 200-mile “Salt March” with many of his supporters to symbolize India’s defiance of British laws. What do his supporters do in large numbers?** His supporters chant, play instruments and sing in large numbers. His followers will also throw objects with respect to Gandhi.

7. **Why do the British decide to arrest Gandhi and his supporters? Why is this event called a “turning point” in the people’s struggle for independence?** The British arrest Gandhi and his supporters to stop the protests. This would be considered a turning point because although Gandhi was arrested, people still stood up and protested without violence against the British. This will take any morality away from the British.