

General questions

1. What problems can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?
2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

Further exploration

1. Why do you think eating beef is the flashpoint of long-standing tensions between Hindus and the Muslim minority in India?
2. Mahatma Gandhi said he would not impose his views on Muslims, Christians, as well as Hindus in some regions who do consume beef. Why do you think Gandhi thought it was important to protect religious freedoms, even those of the minority?
3. Does the government have a responsibility to intervene when religious differences lead to violence? Are there any dangers of the government intervening in religious disputes?