Gandhi: Stop, Think, and Write

With a partner, discuss the following questions. Then, write a brief (1 paragraph or so) but thoughtful response per question on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Explain Gandhi’s philosophy about civil disobedience.
2. What scene affected you the most? Describe it, and explain why the scene left an impression on you.
3. The demonstration at the Salt Works led to hundreds of Indians being beaten by police. Think about Gandhi’s idea of civil disobedience and his message not to retaliate. If you were at this demonstration, what would you do? What is the big idea at work here? How will the world view this event?
4. “When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time, they can seem invincible. But in the end, they always fail. Think of it. Always.” Explain what Gandhi was trying to say here.
5. Once India wins its independence it is partitioned in to Pakistan for Muslims and India for Hindus. Gandhi died believing he was a failure because of this. Was the partition inevitable? Or was there more that could have been done to prevent it?