

STUDY MATERIAL - 08

‘THE STORY OF MY EXPERIMENTS WITH TRUTH’ : PART 5- SUMMARY (contd..)

Part 5, Chapter 12

The Stain of Indigo

- A man named Rajkumar Shukla pleads with Gandhi to remedy the *tinkathia* system in Champaran, whereby tenants must plant indigo for their landlords. Gandhi travels out to see Champaran for himself.

Part 5, Chapter 13

The Gentle Bihari

- Gandhi sets up shop, readying people to serve as translators and clerks.
- Time to rock and roll.

Part 5, Chapter 14

Face to Face with Ahimsa

- Gandhi decides to conduct an inquiry into the conditions of the tenants in Champaran.
- He meets with the other side to understand their views and is soon arrested. But the peasants support him.

Part 5, Chapter 15

Case Withdrawn

- Gandhi gives a statement about his civil disobedience. The lieutenant governor orders the case against him to be withdrawn.
- The planters who are abusing the tenants try to spread rumours against Gandhi in the press, but his insistence on truth keeps him safe.

Part 5, Chapter 16

Methods of Work

- Mr. G. decides his team will only take money from people in the area other than the tenants so as to keep the matter a local one and to not open himself up to allegations of abusing the tenants.
- He exercises frugality and is able to save some of the money he's given.
- He and his team take statements from the tenants, being sure to cross-examine people for truth. An officer from the authorities is always present, which renders the statements more trustworthy since the tenants aren't likely to lie in the presence of an officer who could punish them.

Part 5, Chapter 17

Companions

- Gandhi calls in teachers and doctors to serve the tenants, seeing that the problem is wider than just the abuse by the planters.

Part 5, Chapter 18

Penetrating the Villages

- The volunteers for schools, sanitation, and medicine gain the confidence and respect of the villagers, and the positive influence is long-lasting in Champaran.