Nelson Mandela

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He died in 2013.

Nelson Mandela's Life

Nelson Mandela argued that black and white people should be treated the same.

He was sent to prison for life for his opinions. He spent 27 years there. Many people wanted him to be freed. In 1990, he was set free.

In 1994, he became the first black president of South Africa.

Many people think he was a great man. He used sport to bring people together.

Mandela Day is a celebration of the difference he made. It is celebrated on the 18th July every year as this would be his birthday.

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Did You Know…?

- 'Free Nelson Mandela' was a hit song.

- He was a lawyer.

Questions

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    1918 ☐

    1999 ☐

    2017 ☐

2. Where was he from? Tick **one**.

    England ☐

    South Africa ☐

    America ☐

3. How long was he in prison for? Tick **one**.

    7 months ☐

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    27 years ☐

4. When did he become president of South Africa? Tick **one**.

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    1994 ☐

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    People wanted him to stay in prison. ☐

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Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was born in 1918 in South Africa. He died in 2013. He believed that black and white people should be treated the same so he fought for this his whole life.

Nelson Mandela's Early Life

He was called Rolihlahla Mandela when he was born. He did well at school and went to university. When he left university, he became a lawyer.
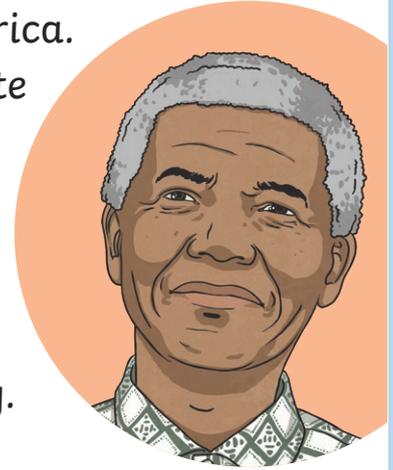
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Nelson Mandela's Later Life

Nelson Mandela led the fight against the South African government and was arrested many times for this. In 1962, he was sent to prison for life. Many people around the world supported him and wanted Nelson Mandela to be freed. He was freed after spending 27 years in prison.

In 1990, the new president of South Africa set Nelson Mandela free. They both wanted peace.

Nelson Mandela became the first black president of South Africa in 1994. He often used sport to bring people together. Many people believe was a great man for the work he did.

Mandela Day is celebrated on 18th July every year. It celebrates the difference Nelson Mandela made and it reminds us to try to make the world a better place.

Did You Know...?

- He won a Nobel peace prize.

- He spent 27 years in prison.

- 'Free Nelson Mandela' was a hit song.

- His first name was Rolihlahla.

Questions

1. What was Nelson Mandela's name when he was born? Tick **one**.

    Rolihlahla ☐

    Nelson ☐

    Mandela ☐

2. What was the famous song about him called? Tick **one**.

    Free Nelson Mandela ☐

    Catch Nelson Mandela ☐

    Who is Nelson Mandela? ☐

3. What year was he sent to prison? Tick **one**.

    1990 ☐

    1962 ☐

    2013 ☐

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5. Complete the sentence by adding in the missing words.

    Nelson Mandela became the first black president of

    _____   _____ in 1994.

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   freed

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Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela was born in South African in 1918 and died in 2013. He led a very important fight against apartheid, which was the separation and unfair treatment of black people by white people.
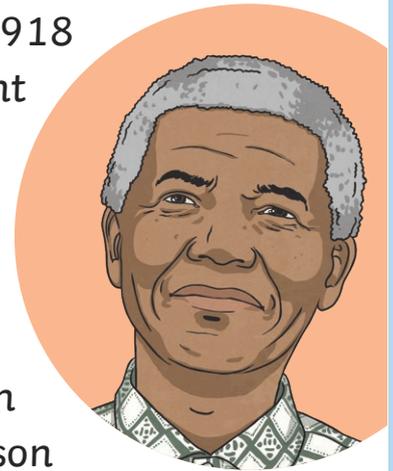
Nelson Mandela's Early Life

He was born as Rolihlahla Mandela but was given Nelson as his new first name by his teacher. Nelson Mandela did well at school and went to university but he was forced to leave after joining a student protest. He later finished his university degree and became a lawyer.

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Politics, Prison and President

Nelson Mandela was chosen to lead the fight against apartheid and was arrested many times. In 1962, he was sent to prison for life for fighting for equal rights against the South African government. Many people around the world were also trying to stop apartheid and wanted Nelson Mandela to be freed. Later, things started to change in South Africa when black students were allowed to go to universities with white students. In 1990, the new president set Nelson Mandela free. They agreed that people should work together in peace. Nelson Mandela became the first black president of South Africa in 1994. He often used sport to bring people together. Many people believe was a great man for the work he did.

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Did You Know...?

• He won a Nobel peace prize.

• He spent 27 years in prison.

• His first name wasn't Nelson – it was Rolihlahla.

• 'Free Nelson Mandela' was a UK number one song.

Questions

1. When was Nelson Mandela born and when did he die? Tick **one**.

   He was born in 1999 and he died in 2009. ☐

   He was born in 1918 and he died in 2013. ☐

   He was born in 1808 and he died in 2000. ☐

2. Why was he forced to leave university?

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3. Which of the facts below are true? Tick **two**.

   He wanted people to be separated by skin colour. ☐

   He spent 27 years in prison. ☐

   He worked as a lawyer. ☐

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   He often used _____ to _____ _____ _____. Many people believe he was a _____ _____ for the work he did.

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6. What is celebrated on 18th July and why is it celebrated?
   Mandela Day is celebrated on 18th July and it celebrates the difference Nelson Mandela made. It reminds us to try to make the world a better place.