Nelson Mandela



Source: Creative Commons (Microsoft Word Insert online pictures).

Vocabulary for the story. Match the meanings to the words.

	1. president - noun	a. a place where a criminal lives, jail
f	2. release - noun	b. to make someone do something
	3. prison - noun	c. to choose a leader
	4. protest - noun	d. forcing different races of people to live separately
	5. vote - verb	e. freedom to do something
	6. marriage - noun	f. let a person or animal be free
	7. illegal - adjective	g. the leader of a country
	8. force - verb	h. the law says you cannot do it
d	9. segregation - noun	i. the legal relationship between two people who are married to each other
	10. right - noun	j. public show of disapproval

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Read the text and answer the questions.

Nelson Mandela was born in South Africa on July 18, 1918. He spent most of his life fighting for the rights of people.

From 1948 – 1984 the all-white South African government had a system of segregation called apartheid. The government forced blacks to live separate lives to whites. Blacks had to eat at separate restaurants, go to separate schools and travel on separate buses.

Nelson Mandela wanted apartheid to end. He wanted black people to have the right to vote and the right to have good jobs. Mandela organised several government protests. In 1963 he was arrested and sent to prison for life.

Mandela spent 27 years in prison. After his release in 1990, Nelson Mandela worked hard and helped to end apartheid. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 and he became the president of South Africa on 10 May 1994. He was the first black president of South Africa.

Nelson Mandela died on 5 December 2013. People celebrate his life every year on Mandela day.

1. Is this story fiction or non-fiction? _____
2. When was Nelson Mandela born?

   _____
3. Was marriage between black and white people legal during apartheid? _____
4. Did Mandela want to black people to have the right to vote? _____
5. In which paragraph did you find this answer? _____

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6. When did Nelson Mandela win the Nobel Peace Prize?

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7. What does the hyphen (-) in 1948 – 1984 mean? It means 1948 ____ 1984.
8. What type of text do you think this is?
   - ☐ A recipe
   - ☐ A information text
   - ☐ An opinion text
9. Scan the text and find the words "system of segregation". Use your online dictionary to find the meaning of the underlined word used in this phrase. Tick ✓the correct meaning.
   - ☐ A set of organs in the body that have a particular purpose
   - ☐ An organised set of ideas, a way of doing things
   - ☐ A set of connected computer devices that work together
10. Nelson Mandela said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
    Do you agree or disagree? Why? Write your opinion and send it to your teacher.
    I agree/disagree that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" because

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