

NELSON MANDELA

Nelson Mandela was born on 18th July 1918, in Mvezo, South Africa. His real name was Rolihlahla, but a teacher in school gave him an English name.

He studied Law at university and became a political activist to fight against racism in South Africa.

He went to prison for 27 years.

He was released (*=puesto en libertad*) in 1990 and led people to reconciliation between whites and blacks.

In 1994 he became the first black President of the Republic of South Africa.

He retired in 1999.

He continued to fight for equality (*=igualdad*) and against poverty (*=contra la pobreza*) in his country.

He died in 2013 at the age of 95.



Fun facts about Nelson Mandela

- Nelson got the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.
- 18th July is Nelson Mandela day. People spend 67 minutes helping others. The 67 minutes represents the 67 years Mandela spent serving his country.
- Invictus is a 2009 film about Nelson Mandela and the South African rugby team.
- He had six children and twenty grandchildren.



Nelson Mandela quotes

Read these quotes and explain them in your own words.

Lee las frases que dijo Mandela y explícalas con tus propias palabras.

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

"Nobody is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can learn to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than hate."

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

"Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."