

Nelson Mandela

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While reading

Introduction and Chapter 1

- 1 Look for information about wars between 1658–1910.
- 2 Write about a day in the life of a white boy or girl or a day in the life of a black boy or girl.
- 3 Draw a school for white children and a school for black children.
Compare them.
- 4 Write a letter.
You're an Afrikaner. Write a letter to a friend in another part of the world and tell your friend about your life in South Africa.
- 5 Draw Mandela's family tree.
You will add more information when you go on reading.
- 6 Work in pairs. Who or what are these? Find your words then test your friend.

Student A

Xhosa:
Chief Jongintaba:
Justice:

Student B

Mvezo:
Johannesburg:
Healdtown:

Chapter 2

- 7 Have a conversation between Mandela and his wife.
- 8 Role play a conversation between Mandela and Walter Sisulu.
You're Mandela, you don't want Indians or coloureds in the protest. Your partner is Walter Sisulu. He tells you his ideas.
- 9 Complete with *so* or *because*.
 - a Mandela's first wife didn't like politics this was a problem later on.
 - b His son asked about his father Mandela wasn't at home very often.
 - c Mandela didn't like Sisulu's ideas Sisulu talked to him.
 - d The government didn't listen to the ANC leaders they organized a protest.

- e They didn't use violence they hated it.
- f The government was very angry the police arrested Mandela.
- g Mandela had to be careful the government always banned him.
- h A lot of people protested across the country Mandela and other leaders were in prison.

Chapter 3

10 Make the posters for the protests.

You can use get ideas from the headings on pages 15–17.

11 Write a story for the newspaper.

You went to Mandela and Winnie's party when they got married. Write for the local newspaper. Write about:

people at the party
clothes
food and drinks
music
what people did

12 In pairs, write a conversation.

You are one of the people at the party. You meet somebody and you like the person. Write the conversation.

13 Draw an invitation card for the party.

Chapter 4

14 Write about this chapter. What happened?

15 Talk about clothes and tribal clothes. Have students compare the two.

Which do you like? Why? Was Mandela right when he wore his tribal clothes? Why?

16 Write why ...

- a Mandela had to start a new life.
- b He talked to many people across the country.
- c Mandela started the MK.
- d Mandela was very happy.
- e People protested and shouted.

17 Discuss with another student.

You want to start an organization to help people. What can you do? How can you help them?

Make a list of ideas.

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Chapter 5

18 Draw Mandela's room.

Read the chapter and remember all the information. You can add more information too.

19 Read Chapter 5 again.

You're a warder on Robben Island. Tell your friends about Mandela's life there.

20 Talk to Nelson Mandela.

You're a writer from the *London Daily Telegraph* newspaper. Your partner is Mandela. Talk to him and write the story.

21 Write for the newspaper.

Look up *headline* in your dictionary. You interviewed Mandela. What are the newspaper headlines that day?

22 Write a letter to your friend.

You're Winnie Mandela, and you visited your husband in prison. Write a letter to a friend and tell him/her about the visit.

Chapters 6–7

23 Write a letter.

You're Mandela, and now you're in Pollsmoor Prison. Write to your family and tell them about the changes.

24 A writer talks to Mandela.

You went to Pollsmoor Prison and talked to Mandela there. You're the writer and your partner is Mandela. Have the conversation.

25 Make a poster.

Make a poster for Mandela. He will see it when he leaves prison.

26 Talk about freedom. You spent 10,000 days in prison, now you're free.

What's the first thing you're going to do? What do you want to do next? What aren't you going to do? Why?

27 Mandela is the president.

Make a list of the changes he made in South Africa. Were all the changes positive?

After reading

28 Work with a another student.

Student A: Find a picture in the book and talk about what is in the picture. Do not show the picture to your partner.

Student B: Do not look at the picture. Try to say what happens before and after the picture. Then find the picture.

29 Talk to a friend.

Is the ending happy or sad?
Change the ending.

30 Make a list of other changes.

Think about more changes for this new South Africa.

31 Draw a new cover for the book.

What will you draw? Will you choose any photographs? Which ones?

32 World leaders

Look for information about other leaders who did not like violence.

Where did they come from? What did they do? How did they help people? When did they die?

33 Talk about changing the world. You're a political leader.

You want to make the world better. What can you do?

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Introduction and Chapter 1

1 Complete with the right word from the box. There are extra words.

African boy ideas men mother school sisters
teacher tribes wife wives

- Nelson Mandela was a happy
- He lived with his mother and in Qunu.
- His father had three other
- When Mandela was 16, he went to
- Chief Meligqili spoke about the life of black in South Africa.
- Mandela met a from the Sotho tribe in Healdtown.
- His was from the Xhosa tribe.
- At that time in South Africa, people from different didn't marry.

Chapter 2

2 Choose the right word.

- Mandela met his first wife *in / at / on* a friend's house.
- In 1950, there were *much / more / any* apartheid laws.
- Mandela said, 'Don't be bad to us, or we *will / do / can* protest.'
- Mandela was happy *but / so / because* the results were good.
- Mandela's wife left *her / him / them* when he was in prison.

Chapter 3

3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- The treason trial lasted nine months.
- Winnie was 16 when Mandela married her.
- The authorities moved the trial from Johannesburg to Pretoria to help the ANC.
- There were nearly 100 people on trial.
- The PAC helped black, Indian and coloured people.
- The police in Sharpeville killed only two people in 1960.
- During the trial, Nelson Mandela worked in his law office.
- At the end of the trial, Mandela went to prison for treason.

Chapter 4

4 There's a mistake in each sentence. Correct it.

- Mandela wore his hair short.
- He walked from one place to another and talked to people.
- Mandela's idea was to make the ANC weak.
- He met friends in London.
- In 1962, Mandela got ten years in prison.
- Life in prison was dangerous.
- The Rivonia Trial ended in 1963.
- People wanted the government to kill the prisoners.

Chapter 5

5 Match the questions and the answers.

- What did black men wear in prison? ... ☐
 - What were the prison rooms like? ... ☐
 - When did the prisoners protest? ... ☐
 - Where were the visitors from? ... ☐
 - How long did Mandela stay in prison? ... ☐
- Very small and dirty.
 - Twenty-seven years.
 - When the warders wanted them to work harder.
 - Different parts of the world.
 - Boys' clothes.

Chapters 6–7

6 Match. Write the correct number.

- Mandela was very ... ☐
 - He became ... ☐
 - He won ... ☐
 - Mandela married ... ☐
 - Mandela's government was ... ☐
- for everybody in South Africa.
 - his third wife.
 - old when he left prison.
 - the Nobel Peace Prize.
 - the president of South Africa at the age of 76.