

Year 2: Nelson Mandela- significant figure

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Nelson Mandela

Vocabulary

Abolishment: to end an activity or custom officially

ANC: African National Congress

Apartheid: a political system in which people of different races are separated

confinement the situation in which a person is kept somewhere, usually by force

Democracy: the belief in freedom and equality between people

Demonstration: an occasion when people show that they disagree with something by standing somewhere, shouting, carrying signs, etc

Freedom: the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc.
whatever you want to

Who was Nelson Mandela?

Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) was a South African campaigner and politician. He was the President of South Africa between 1994 and 1999.

He campaigned for justice and equality, and because of this **spent 27 years in prison.**

He was the first President of South Africa to be **voted for by all people**, black and white.

He worked to remove the old system of racism in South Africa (called the **apartheid**) and to make the country fair and safe for everyone.

He won the **Nobel Peace Prize**, and was given many awards for his **bravery and courage.**

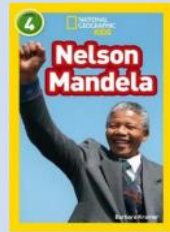
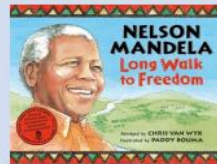
A photograph of Nelson Mandela from 2008.



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

Nelson Mandela (1918 – 2013)

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Top 10 facts about Nelson Mandela

- Mandela was named 'Nelson' by one of his teachers, when he was aged 7.
- He ran away to Johannesburg to escape an arranged marriage.
- He enjoyed boxing and running when younger.
- Whilst in prison on Robben Island, Mandela was only allowed 1 visit and letter every 6 months.
- He wrote his book, *The Long Road to Freedom*, when he was still in prison.
- Mandela has a species of spider and woodpecker named after him!
- He was inspired by the book 'Invictus' and the Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi.
- In the 1950s, he ran the first law firm in South Africa for black people.
- His wife, Winnie Mandela, was also an activist.
- Robben Island Prison has become a major tourist attraction.

Timeline of events

1918	1939	1942	1948	1956	1964	1982	1993	1994	1999	2013
July 18 th Nelson Mandela is born.	Attends university.	Nelson joins the ANC.	Elected national secretary of ANC Youth League	Charged with high treason.	Sentenced to life and sent to Robben Island Prison.	Released from prison.	Wins the Nobel Peace Prize with F.W. de Klerk.	Elected president after the ANC wins the election.	Steps down as president.	Dec 5 th dies aged 95.