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## Nelson Mandela's Life

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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 18<sup>th</sup> July every year as this would be his birthday.

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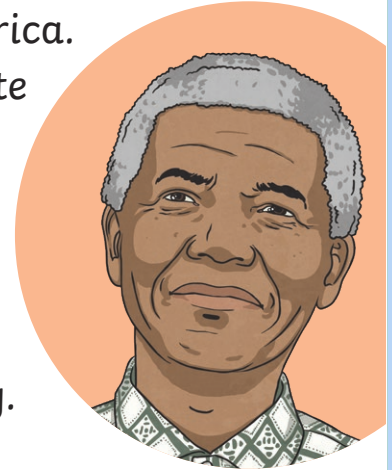
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## Nelson Mandela's Early Life

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.



## Nelson Mandela's Later Life

Nelson Mandela led the fight against the South African government and was arrested many times for this. In 1964, 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.

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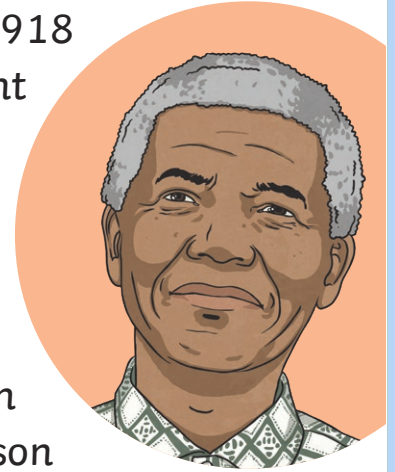
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## Did You Know...!

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- He spent 27 years in prison.
- 'Free Nelson Mandela' was a hit song.
- His first name was Rolihlahla.

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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.



## Politics, Prison and President

Nelson Mandela was chosen to lead the fight against apartheid and was arrested many times. In 1964, 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 he was a great man for the work he did.

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- His first name wasn't Nelson – it was Rolihlahla.
- 'Free Nelson Mandela' was a UK number one song.