

The LEARN Curriculum-Key Learning

Title: Nelson Mandela Year: 2

Subject: History

Key Knowledge

- Nelson Mandela's parents were not educated but were encouraged to send him to school.
- The teacher changed his name – white people could not (or would not) pronounce the correct names for people.
- Black people were forced to live separate lives.
- Black people were denied basic rights, like being able to vote in elections or have freedom of speech.
- Nelson Mandela wanted to make his country a fairer place to live in, as the smaller white population were in charge of the country at the time.
- He was imprisoned for 27 years because of his fight against segregation.

- Nelson Mandela was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize.
- He became the first black president of South Africa.

Nelson Mandela



Nelson Mandela at a march



Key Skills

- I can describe who Nelson Mandela was.
- I can label a map to show where Nelson Mandela was from and where he was born.
- I can put some events from Nelson Mandela's early life on a timeline.
- I can understand what life was like for black people during apartheid.
- I can understand what Nelson Mandela did to fight apartheid.
- I can explain how Nelson Mandela helped to change his country forever.

Key Vocabulary

activist	A person who believes in taking action for political purposes.
Afrikaner	A person born in South Africa whose native language is Afrikaans and whose ancestors were from Europe.
Afrikaans	A language developed from 17 th century Dutch used in South Africa.
apartheid	Means 'apartness' in the language of Afrikaans – a rule that kept black people and white people apart.
ANC	African National Congress – the political group that wanted apartheid to end.
hard labour	Heavy manual work used as a punishment.
human rights	Basic rights and freedoms that everybody should have.
life sentence	Punishment for a crime which lasts for the rest of a person's life.
Nobel Peace Prize	A prize awarded to someone who has done a lot of work to bring peace in his country or between countries.
peace	A time where there is no war or war has ended.
president	The leader of a country that has no king or queen (monarch).
Rolihlahla	Means 'pulling the branch of a tree' but within his community might have meant 'Trouble maker'.
segregation	Keeping someone apart from others.

1918, July 18: Born Rolihlahla Mandela, south-east South Africa.

1990, February 11: Nelson Mandela is released from prison.

1994, April 27: Votes for first time in his country with first all-race election.

1964, June: Mandela sentenced to life in prison with other ANC leaders.

1993, October 15: Wins Nobel Peace Prize with De Klerk.

1994, May 10: Made president, steps down after one term.

2013, December 6: Dies at home in Johannesburg surrounded by family at the age of 95.