

# NELSON MANDELA

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**FUN FACT:** Nelson was born into royalty, his father was the chief of the South African tribe called Tembu!!!

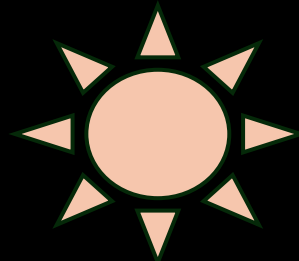


## \*-Early life-\*

Nelson Mandela was born on the 18th of July 1918 in Mvezo, South Africa to his father Henry and mother Nosekeni Fanny.

His birth name was Rolinlahla but when he went to school his teacher called him Nelson and then he changed his name to Nelson Rolinlahala Mandela age 7.

Nelson's Hometown was Mvezo, South Africa, he was the president of South Africa and Civil rights Activist.





# ANC (African National Congress)

When Nelson was growing up he saw that lots of people with different skin colours treating other people badly...

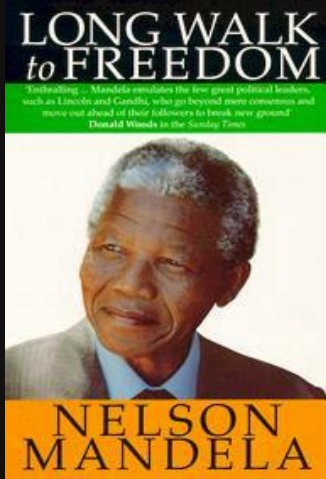
So in 1944 he joined the ANC a political group that fought for equal rights for both black and white people.

Nelson was quite important in the ANC and he helped set up the ANC youth league.

His actions made him very unpopular with the authorities, even though he only did peaceful protests and got sent to prison multiple times.



# \*-Life in prison-\*



Nelson and his secret group were planning to overthrow the government he lived in hiding and even wore disguises to try and not reveal his true identity. But in August 1962 he was arrested on his trip back from Algeria and sentenced to five years in prison. From then on things just got worse for Nelson, the authorities found the secret groups plans to overthrow the government and so he spent the next 27 years in prison. While he was there he wrote the book a long walk to freedom. Every time he would write it the prison guards would rip it up but he had memorised the entire book and just rewrote it again and again and again etc.



## *His presidency*

In 1991 Nelson became president of the ANC and worked with FW de klerk. Their work towards making South Africa earned the pair a nobel peace prize in 1993. Come the general election of 1994 all races in South Africa were allowed to vote. Nelsons hard work had finally payed off, the ANC won and he became South Africas first black president.

## *Death*

On the 5th of December 2013 he died of a lung infection aged 95 years old and he is still remembered today as the first black president and an amazing role model towards young people of the modern world!