

NELSON MANDELA

Nelson Mandela was born in 1918, his real name was Rolihlahla, he was intelligent he studied hard and became a lawyer.

At that time in South Africa black people were considered inferior and were often poor. In 1948 the government (made up of white members) reinforced *apartheid*



is the system of government and means “separation”

= blacks and whites had to live in different areas, they couldn't marry, sit together in a restaurant or on a study in the same school,....

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Mandela, inspired by Gandhi, started a peaceful protest but he was arrested. In 1964 he was sent in a terrible prison on Robben Island, he spent 18 years in this prison and only two visitors could visit him every year.

Then an international campaign to free Nelson Mandela: countries boycotted South Africa



they stopped trade and they refused to send sports teams or entertainers there.

Finally in 1990 South Africa had a new president de Klerk who freed Mandela after 28 years in prison. So they began to work together and in 1993 they won the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1994 black people in South Africa **voted for the first time** and Mandela became South Africa's **first black President**.

Nelson Mandela died on 5th December 2013.