



## **Nelson Mandela** First President of democratic South Africa

Born: 18 July, 1918

In Mvezo, South Africa

Nelson Mandela was a civil rights leader in South Africa. He fought against apartheid, a system where non-white citizens were segregated from whites and did not have equal rights. He served a good portion of his life in prison for his protests, but became a symbol for his people. Later he would become president of South Africa.

### **Facts about Nelson Mandela**

- Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.
- July 18th is Nelson Mandela day. People are asked to devote 67 minutes to helping others. The 67 minutes represents the 67 years Mandela spent serving his country.
- Invictus was a 2009 movie about Nelson Mandela and the South African rugby team.
- He had six children and twenty grandchildren.

**“I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.”**

– Nelson Mandela

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