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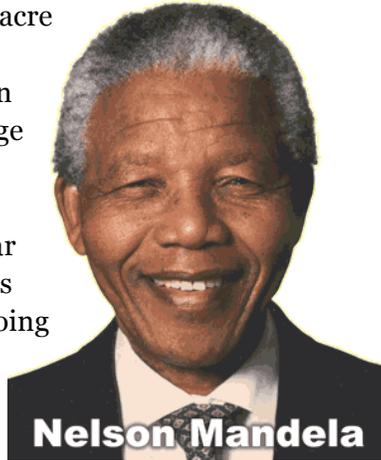
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### Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela led the African National Congress, a black liberation group that opposed South Africa's white minority government and apartheid. Mandela was initially opposed to violence, but after a massacre of unarmed black South Africans in 1962, he began advocating acts of sabotage against the government.

In 1962, Mandela began a twenty-seven-year stay in prison. Most of his confinement was spent doing hard labor at the notorious Robben Island maximum-security prison.

During his imprisonment, Mandela became a symbol of the anti-apartheid movement among South Africa's black population and among the international community that opposed apartheid. Mandela rejected several government offers to allow him to leave prison on the condition that he renounce violence. By the end of the 1980s, Nelson Mandela's name was famous around the world though he had not been in public for twenty-seven years. Escalating violence and international pressure



led the South African government to release Mandela from prison in 1990.

Mandela shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 with F.W. deKlerk, South Africa's last white president. Their combined efforts ended apartheid and brought about a peaceful transition to nonracial democracy in South Africa.

Three years after his release, South Africans of all races were allowed to vote for the first time in a national election. They selected Mandela as their president, giving him 62% of the vote. The same person who was once was a symbol of black resistance in South Africa later eventually because the nation's first black president.

Many people praised Mandela's government for its treatment of South Africa's white minorities. Crime increased during his term, but the violent war between the races ended.

Mandela married for the third time on his 80th birthday in 1998. A year later he retired from the presidency. When Mandela died in 2013 at 95, representatives of more than 90 nations attended his funeral. The 400-year-old prison on Robben Island is now a museum.

### Answer in Complete Sentences

1. Why did Nelson Mandela stop advocating non-violence in 1962?

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\*2. South Africa's white minority government offered to release Nelson Mandela several times if he renounced violence. Why do you think the South African government wanted to release Mandela from prison?

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Nelson Mandela was the leader of the A\_\_\_\_\_ National C\_\_\_\_\_, an organization of b\_\_\_\_\_ South Africans that v\_\_\_\_\_ opposed a\_\_\_\_\_. The w\_\_\_\_\_ minority government of S\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_ sent M\_d\_ to p\_\_\_\_\_ in 19\_\_\_\_ for plotting the v\_\_\_\_\_ overthrow of South Africa's white m\_\_\_\_\_ government. Mandela soon became a s\_\_\_\_\_ of the resistance movement against a\_a\_t\_e\_d among both South Africa's b\_\_\_\_\_ population and many people around the \*w\_\_\_\_\_. Many nations around the globe joined black South Africans in calling for M\_\_\_\_\_ 's release from p\_\_\_\_\_. The South African government offered to r\_\_\_\_\_ Mandela if he agreed to renounce v\_\_\_\_\_, but the jailed resistance leader r\_f\_s\_d the g\_v\_r\_m\_n\_'s offers.

Mandela was released from prison in 1990, shortly after the white m\_\_\_\_\_ government of S\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_ yielded to i\_\_\_\_\_ pressure and internal v\_\_\_\_\_ by repealing their a\_\_\_\_\_ laws. In 1993, Mandela shared the N\_\_\_\_\_ Peace P\_\_\_\_\_ with F.W. d\_\_\_\_\_ for their combined e\_\_\_\_\_ to end a\_\_\_\_\_. In 1994, nearly \*t\_\_\_\_\_ thirds of all South Africans voted for M\_\_\_\_\_ in the first \*d\_m\_c\_a\_ic presidential election in S\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_ 's history. Mandela's g\_\_\_\_\_ was p\_\_\_\_\_ for its treatment of white m\_n\_r\_t\_es in S\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_, but many critics contended that c\_\_\_\_\_ increased during his tenure.

Mandela r\_\_\_\_\_ from the South African presidency in 19\_\_\_\_. A year after, on his \*e\_\_\_\_\_ birthday, Mandela m\_r\_i\_d the widow of the former president of Mozambique. Thabo Mbeki became the new p\_\_\_\_\_ of South Africa as the \*pr\_s\_o\_er turned \*p\_e\_i\_e\_t left South Africa's political stage.

## Answer in Complete Sentences

\*3. Nelson Mandela did not respect the laws of the white minority government of South Africa. What would you do to change a law that you believed was wrong?

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\*4. Why do you think the former prison off the coast of South Africa on Robben Island is now a museum?

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