

# Nelson Mandela









## Nelson's Childhood

He was born in 1918 in a country called South Africa



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#### Nelson was the son of a Thembu chief.

Nelson grew up in a small village. His home was made of mud and it had a grass roof.





When he was 5 years old he began to look after the families sheep and calves. He enjoyed playing with other children in the village.



## Growing up...

Later he went to school and university and then he became a lawyer in Johannesburg.







During Nelson's childhood people who lived in South Africa we kept apart depending on the colour of your skin.

At that time white skinned people ruled the country and made the laws.

They kept the best houses, schools and land for themselves.



They said that all black people must live apart from white people.

It made life very hard for black people.





As Nelson grew he did not agree with these laws.

He and his friends said,

"This is wrong! This country belongs to everyone. We must work to change the laws!"

The white skinned people who ruled South Africa did not want the laws to change.

In 1963 they arrested Nelson and sent him to prison. He was sent to prison for sharing what he thought.

He was kept in prison for 27 years



#### Free at Last



In 1990 Nelson was set free. He was now 71 years old.

## President



Four years later (1994) there was an election in South Africa. For the first time black skinned people as well as white skinned people were allowed to vote.

They votes for Nelson to be the president of South Africa! It changed the lives of his people forever.

### Rest in Peace



Nelson died on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

He changed the world in South Africa for everyone forever!

## Final Message...



We must join hands and say we are one country, one nation, one people, marching together into the future! A future in which people of all colours will learn to live in peace! 66 No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.