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EARLY LIFE

- **July 18, 1918:** *Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela* born near Qunu, in Transkei, youngest son of principal counsellor to Thembu clan
- **1939:** In Johannesburg he experiences apartheid system which forbids black population to vote, travel without permission, or own land. Completes law degree
- **1944:** Marries first wife, *Evelyn Mase*. Founds African National Congress Youth League with colleague *Oliver Tambo* (below right)



RIGHTS CAMPAIGNER

- **1952:** Convicted for his part in ANC's *mass civil disobedience campaign against unjust laws*. Opens first black legal firm in South Africa with fellow lawyer Tambo
- **1956:** Mandela and 156 other political activists detained, accused of conspiring to overthrow state by violent means. Trial collapses in 1961.
- **1958:** Following divorce from Evelyn he marries *Winnie Madikizela* in 1958



Nelson Mandela: Life and times

Nelson Mandela, who has died at the age of 95, was one of the world's most revered statesmen. The former president and freedom fighter led the struggle to replace the apartheid regime of South Africa with a multi-racial democracy



“During my lifetime I have dedicated myself to this struggle of the African people. I have fought against white domination, and I have fought against black domination” Nelson Mandela, 1963



- **1960:** *Sharpeville Massacre*. Sixty-nine black protesters killed when police open fire during peaceful demonstration against rule that forces black citizens to carry passes. **ANC banned**



- **1961:** Mandela emerges as leading figure in ANC struggle – forms armed wing, *Umkhonto we Sizwe*
- **1963:** *Rivonia Trial*. Mandela and 10 others charged with capital offences
- **1964:** *Mandela sentenced to life imprisonment. Sent to Robben Island, where he is incarcerated for 18 of his 27 years in jail.* Given prison number **466/64**



PRISONER TO PRESIDENT

- **1990:** President *FW De Klerk* ends apartheid system and lifts ban on ANC. **Mandela freed February 11**
- **1991:** Mandela elected president of ANC
- **1993:** Divorces Winnie
- **1994:** *Mandela becomes South Africa's first black president after landslide victory in first free elections*
- **1999:** Hands over power after first term

RECENT YEARS

- Shifts energies to battling South Africa's HIV/AIDS crisis. Marries *Graca Machel* in 1998. Forms *The Elders* – group of world leaders – to tackle global problems, 2007
- **2010:** World Cup Final marks last public appearance
- **Dec 5, 2013:** *Father of South African democracy dies following several years of poor health*

