

Worksheet 1: Vocabulary

Match the words and their meaning

Injured put in prison

Banned let out of prison

Arrested not allowed

Released chosen by voting

Imprisoned including people from different races

Apartheid planned activities to get a political result

Democratically elected hurt

Multi racial stopped by the police and taken to a police station

Campaign a system where black people lived separately from white

people

These words all come from a text about a famous person. Can you guess who it is?



Worksheet 2: Discussion

How much do you know about Mandela?

Discuss in pairs:

Have you heard of Mandela Day? Do you know when it is?

Who was Nelson Mandela?

Why did the South African government arrest him?

How long did he spend in prison?

What prize did he win?

When did he die?

What do you think happens/ should happen on Mandela Day?

Now read the text to find the answers.



Worksheet 3: Reading

It Is In Your Hands Now

Nelson Mandela was South Africa's first black President. He was born on 18 July 1918 and at age 26 joined the ANC, a political group fighting for black people's rights. He began a campaign against the government called the Defiance Campaign. In 1960 there was a big demonstration against the apartheid system in a town called Sharpeville. Black protesters went to the police station and the police shot at them. 69 people were killed and 180 were injured. After this demonstration, the ANC was banned. In 1962 Mandela was arrested for his work for the ANC and sentenced to life imprisonment. He was imprisoned for 28 years and released in 1990. Three years later he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and in the following year he became the first democratically elected president in South Africa's first multiracial elections. He died in 2013 aged 95.

Mandela Day is held on Mandela's birthday, 18 July, every year. On this day people remember Mandela's words, 'It is in your hands now.' People take 67 minutes of their time to do something for other people. This is because Mandela spent 67 years of his life in public service. These are some things people have done:

School children knitted 67 blankets for refugees

Volunteers from New Zealand Australia and South Africa built 67 houses for people in need

Volunteers each gave 67 minutes of their time to clear rubbish from a beach.

Volunteers raised money by cycling 67 kilometres.

What could you do on Mandela Day?



3b. Detailed Reading

Read again and put the events from Mandela's life on the timeline.

1918 1944 1960 1962 1990 1993 1994 2013



Worksheet 4: Discussion

Work in groups

What could you do for Mandela Day?

Remember the number 67.

How could you do 67 things for Mandela Day?

You can use the number 67 in different ways – minutes, kilometres, things, people...

It's up to you!

Be prepared to present your group's ideas to the class.

Celebrate Mandela Day!