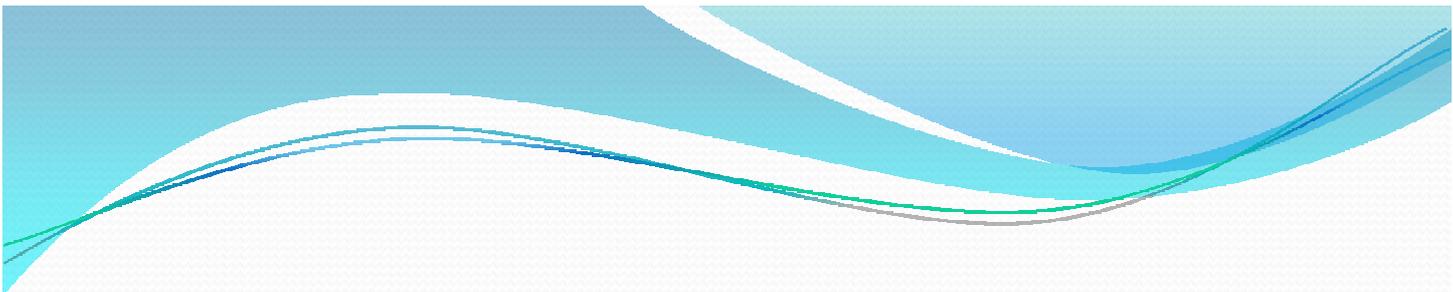


Nelson Mandela(1918 -2013)





BORN:

July 18, 1918

Mvezo, South Africa

DIED:

December 5, 2013 (aged 95)

Johannesburg, South Africa

TITLE / OFFICE:

President, South Africa (1994-1999)

POLITICAL AFFILIATION:

African National Congress

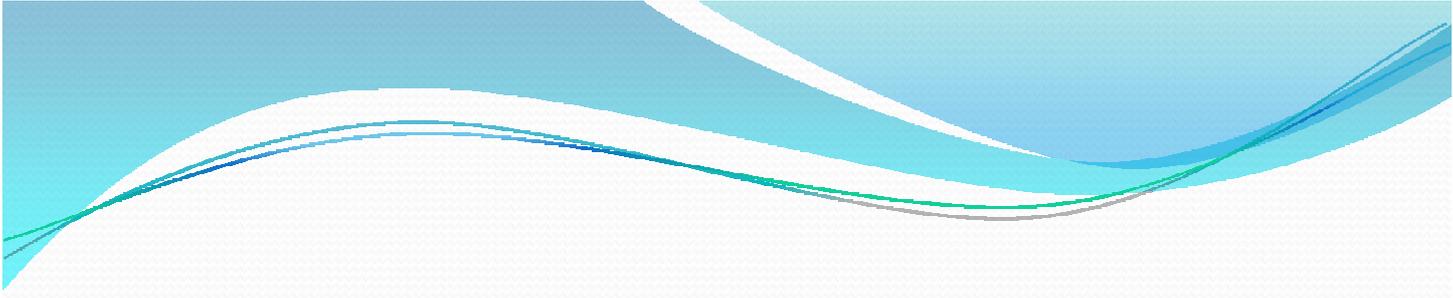
Umkhonto we Sizwe

NOTABLE WORKS:

“Dare Not Linger: The Presidential Years”

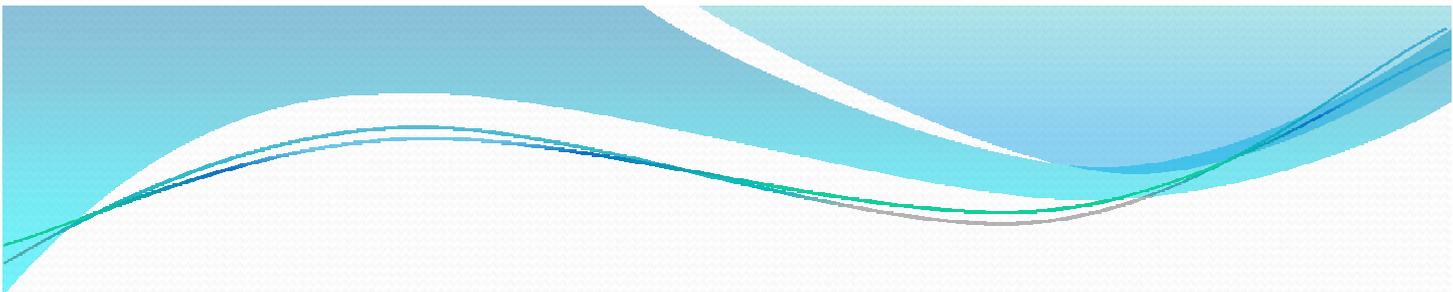
WARDS AND HONORS:

Nobel Prize (1993)

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- In the 1950s, he was elected leader of the youth wing of the African National Congress (ANC) liberation movement.
 - Mandela was imprisoned from 1962-1990 for treason and conspiracy against the government. He was sentenced to life in prison, but was released early when the ANC became legal again.
 - Mandela is considered the father of Modern South Africa. He was instrumental in tearing down the oppressive government and installing democracy.
 - In 2009, the United Nations proclaimed Mandela's birthday (July 18th) to be Nelson Mandela International Day. The holiday asks people to spend 67 minutes doing something good for others, which represents the 67 years he spent working toward change.
 - Nelson Mandela served as President of the African National Congress (ANC) party from 1991 to 1997.



Nelson Mandela states in “The Dark Years” that the oppressed and the oppressor are all imprisoned without freedom, and when everything seems to be taken away, through community and unity both can be freed; a person must keep their head up and stay strong. Nelson Mandela was a prisoner of many South African jails. He went through many different struggles and different circumstances of being mistreated and stripped of his rights. He may have been in prison, but he still deserved certain rights he was denied. So he and his other political prisoners through unity and community fought for their rights. If the oppressed do not listen to the oppressors, the oppressors have no power over the ones they try to control, according to Nelson Mandela. At his first prison, he was a victim of racist guards and prison owners. It was basically all black prisoners with white men being in control of them. Nelson and other prisoner friends were forced to do tasks, and then re-do tasks that eventually were impossible to complete. They kept doing it until it was not possible to do, then they didn't give in, they deliberately quit.



To Know More

Summary:

<http://mattalexander21.blogspot.com/2008/11/dark-years-summary.html>

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you
can use to change the world.”**

**“Courageous people do not fear forgiving, for the
sake of peace.”**