

## Nelson Mandela timeline

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**1918-** July 18: Rolihlahla Dalibhunga Mandela is born a member of the Madiba clan." He is later given his English name, Nelson, by a teacher at his school

**1937-** Moves to Healdtown attending the Wesleyan college in Fort Beaufort  
Fort Hare University: Studied for a B.A. and met his lifelong friend Oliver Tambo

**1939-** Asked to leave Fort Hare due to his involvement in a boycott of the Students' Representative Council against the university policies

Moves to Johannesburg to escape an arranged marriage and experiences the system of apartheid which forbade the black population to vote, travel without permission or own land

Worked as a guard at a mine and then clerk at a law firm

Completed his degree via a correspondence course at the University of South Africa

Studies Law at the University of Witwatersrand whilst living in Alexandra

**1943-** Joins the African National Congress (ANC) as an activist

**1948-** South African government (Afrikaner-dominated National Party) limits the freedom of black Africans even more when the apartheid policy of racial segregation is introduced across the country

**1959-** Parliament passes new laws extending racial segregation by creating separate homelands for major black groups in South Africa

The ANC loses most of its financial and militant support when members break away to form the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) under Potlako Leballo and Robert Sobukwe

**1960-** Sharpeville Massacre: Police kill 69 peaceful protestors and the ANC is banned

Mandela goes into hiding and forms an underground military group with armed resistance

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**1962-** August 5: Arrested after living on the run for seventeen months and was imprisoned in the Johannesburg Fort

October 25: Nelson Mandela was sentenced to five years in prison but again goes on the run

**1964-** June 12: Captured and convicted of sabotage and treason and sentenced to life imprisonment at the age of 46, initially on Robben island where he would be kept for 18 years

**1990-** February 11: Nelson Mandela is released from prison after 27 years

President De Klerk lifts the ban on the African National Congress (ANC)

The ANC and the white National Party begin talks on forming a multi-racial democracy for South Africa

**1993-** Nelson Mandela and Mr de Klerk are awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

**1999-** Founded the Nelson Mandela Foundation

**2000-** Appointed as mediator in the civil war in Burundi

**2001-** Nelson Mandela was diagnosed and treated for prostate cancer with radiation

Made an honorary Canadian citizen

**2004-** June: Nelson Mandela announced that he would be retiring from public life at the age of 85

**2013-** December 5th. Nelson Mandela passes away

<http://www.nelsonmandela.org/content/page/about-the-centre-of-memory>

<http://www.datesandevents.org/people-timelines/11-nelson-mandela-timeline.htm>