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What is his/her legacy?
How is he/she remembered?

Have you ever heard the quote "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"? Nelson Mandela, one of the most admired public figures ever, made this statement.

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was born in the city of Mvezo, in South Africa, on July 18, 1918. His parents' names were Ngqopho, who died when he was 12, and Mphahlele. He started his degree for a Bachelor of Arts, but he was suspended for joining a students' protest.

He soon became involved in the anti-apartheid movement. He joined the African National Congress in 1942. For 20 years, he led a campaign of peaceful, nonviolent defiance against the South African government and its racial policies. In 1962 he was arrested and spent 27 years in prison for political reasons. He was finally released on Sunday 11 February 1990. In 1993 Nelson and President F.W. de Klerk won the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1994, he became the first South Africa's first democratically elected president. He died on 5 December 2013.

Nelson Mandela never hesitated in his commitment to democracy, equity and education. He never reacted to racism with more racism. For generations to come, Mandela will continue to be an inspiration.