

**LESSON 12: I can plan and write paragraphs for a biography**



Today you will write 3 more paragraphs for your biography.



*Two on Mandela the Prisoner*



*One on Mandela the President*



# OVERVIEW OF PARAGRAPH PLAN FOR TODAY!

<p><u>Time in Prison</u> (Nelson prisoner) 1964 sentenced to life in prison His son and mother died 1980-1982 people sign a petition to release him Released 1990</p>	<p><u>Paragraph 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 1962 he was arrested for leaving the country illegally.</li> <li>• Faced trial in 1963.</li> <li>• Found guilty of sabotage; given life sentence in 1964.</li> </ul> <p><u>Paragraph 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spent 27 long years in prison.</li> <li>• Started out at Robben Island</li> <li>• Moved to Pollsmoor in 1982</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While in prison his son and mother died</li> <li>• Began secret talks with government</li> <li>• Released in February 1990</li> </ul>	<p>Freedom fighter/terrorist? Robben Island Pollsmoor prison isolation political prisoner 'Release Mandela' campaign 70th Birthday concert - Wembley President de Clerk</p>
<p><u>Legacy</u> Mandela the president</p>	<p><u>Paragraph 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded Nobel Peace Prize with De Clerk in 1993.</li> <li>• South Africans vote for president, April 1994.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandela elected President in May 1994.</li> <li>• Stepped down as president in 1999</li> <li>• Died 2013</li> </ul>	<p>Remembered for... Nelson Mandela Children's fund 'Rainbow Nation'</p>

We will work through this in stages.



# Mandela the Prisoner: 1



*Cramped*



*Robben Island*



*Draining*


*Repetitive*

*Hard labour*



*Basic*






We were not allowed radios or newspapers. Weeks, months, years went by without us knowing what was happening in the world. One day, I saw that a warder had left his newspaper lying on a chair. It was too tempting. I grabbed the paper and began reading it. I was caught and locked in a room for three days with no food and only rice water to drink as a punishment.

Slowly the years passed. Five years . . . ten . . . twenty. I no longer needed ash to make my hair grey!

But outside the prison, the fight for freedom went on.





# Mandela the Prisoner: 1

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*Freedom fighter/terrorist?*

- Faced trial in 1963 .

- Found guilty of sabotage (*deliberately obstructing the government*); given life sentence in 1964.

- Sent to Robben Island.

*Isolation*

*Top sentence:* \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Closing sentence:*



**REMEMBER:**

**WHILE MANDELA WAS IMPRISONED, THE CAMPAIGN FOR  
HIS FREEDOM REALLY GATHERED MOMENTUM**





Even though the ANC was banned in South Africa, it continued outside the country. Oliver Tambo was living abroad and was now ANC president. Many governments around the world began to support us.

In the 1980s the ANC launched the "Release Mandela" campaign, asking people all over the world to put pressure on the South African government to release me and my fellow prisoners, and to allow the ANC back in. Thousands of people signed the petition.

Then, in March 1982, Walter, a few other prisoners and I were moved to Pollsmoor prison near Cape Town. Was this a sign that things were beginning to change? Should I dare to hope our struggle for freedom was coming to an end? The government and I began secret talks about peace.





# Mandela the Prisoner: 2

✓ Spent 27 years in prison.

*'Release Mandela' campaign*

✓ From Robben Island he was moved to Pollsmoor (1982)

✓ While in prison his son and mother died.

✓ Began secret peace talks with SA government.

*70th Birthday concert - Wembley, 1988*

✓ Released in February 1990.

*Top sentence: Some might argue that prison robs one of identity but...*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Closing sentence: \_\_\_\_\_*



## *Recap: how is Mandela remembered?*

**Nelson Mandela International Day** (or Mandela Day) is an annual international day in honour of Nelson Mandela, celebrated each year on 18 July, Mandela's birthday. The day was officially declared by the United Nations in November 2009, with the first UN Mandela Day held on 18 July 2010.



**Complete one of sentences in your book - they will be useful for your final paragraph today!**

## How is Mandela remembered?

• *An important figure in South African and in world history, Nelson Mandela is*

*recognised as/for* \_\_\_\_\_

• *His lasting legacy is* \_\_\_\_\_

• *To commemorate Mandela's life,* \_\_\_\_\_



# Mandela the President: timeline recap

1994 Votes for the first time in his life in South Africa's first democratic election. Elected as President of South Africa



1995 Establishes the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund

1996 Divorces Winnie Madikizela-Mandela

1998 Marries Graça Machel on his 80th birthday

1999 Steps down as President of South Africa.  
Establishes the Nelson Mandela Foundation

2003 Establishes the Mandela Rhodes Foundation

2004 Announces his retirement from public life

2009 First Nelson Mandela International Day is celebrated on 18th July in honour of his birthday

2013 Nelson Mandela passes away on 5th December, aged 95



# Mandela the President: think **IMPACT & LEGACY**

*Top sentence:* \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Closing sentence: Recap what you wrote about his legacy!*

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# CHECK YOUR BIOGRAPHY WRITING USING THE SUCCESS CRITERIA:

- *I have summarised the main events of Mandela's life*
- *I have used headings and subheadings*
- *I have written in 3<sup>rd</sup> person, past tense and formal tone*
- *I have included; embedded clauses, linking adverbials and parenthesis*





# Editing Station



**TIP** Proofreading  
Read through your writing and decide where one idea ends and another begins.



**TIP** Reading aloud  
Read your writing out loud and decide where it would be best to take a breath.

Make sure you have separated your writing into sentences.  
Which **punctuation** will you use at the end of each sentence?



**FABULOUS WORK BIOGRAPHERS!**

