

Use this once you have completed your timeline as a guide to adding any extra information you find particularly interesting!

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L1: I can order event chronologically

TIMELINE

- 1918 Nelson Mandela is born at Mvezo on July 18th and named Rolihlahla
- 1925 Goes to a Methodist mission school. Renamed Nelson by his teacher
- 1930 His father, Henry Gadla Mphakanyiswa, dies. Mandela goes to live with Chief Jongintaba Dalindyebo
- 1934 Goes to Clarkebury Boarding Institute
- 1937 Goes to Healdtown, the Wesleyan College at Fort Beaufort
- 1939 Enrols at University College of Fort Hare
- 1940 Leaves Fort Hare after refusing to sit on the Student Council
- 1941 Runs away to Johannesburg
- 1944 Joins the ANC and helps to form the Youth League. Marries Evelyn Mase
- 1948 National Party elected and begins introducing apartheid laws
- 1952 Opens South Africa's first black law firm with Oliver Tambo. The ANC and the SAIC launch the Defiance Campaign
- 1955 The Freedom Charter is drawn up at the Congress of the People
- 1956 Mandela is charged with treason along with 155 others. Four-year court case begins
- 1958 Divorces Evelyn Mase. Marries Winnie Madikizela
- 1960 Sharpeville massacre. The government bans the ANC
- 1961 Treason trial ends. Mandela is found not guilty. The ANC forms an army
- 1962 Mandela is sent to get support from other countries. Arrested again on his return to South Africa. Sentenced to five years for leaving the country illegally and inciting workers to strike



1963 Nine months into his sentence, Mandela is told he will stand trial again

1964 Found guilty of sabotage, along with Walter Sisulu, Ahmed Kathrada, Raymond Mhlaba, Govan Mbeki, Denis Goldberg, Elias Motsoaledi and Andrew Mlangeni. Sentenced to life in prison and sent to Robben Island



1969 Mandela's son, Thembekile, dies in a car accident

1980-2 Thousands of people sign the "Release Mandela" petition

1982 Mandela is moved to Pollsmoor Prison

1988 Moved to Victor Verster prison



1989 Five of the men who were convicted alongside Mandela are released: Sisulu, Kathrada, Mhlaba, Motsoaledi and Mlangeni. (Goldberg had been released earlier in 1985, and Mbeki in 1987)

1990 Mandela is released from prison

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