

A Dream is not a Dream until it is shared by the entire community

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TITLE: NELSON MANDELA LEARNER'S TIMELINE

- **18 July 1918:** Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela is born
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- **1930:** His father dies and he is taken to be raised by the Acting King of the Thembu people
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- **1934:** Undergoes initiation; enrolls at Clarkebury Boarding Institute at Engcobo
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- **1937:** Enrolls at Heald town, the Wesleyan College at Fort Beaufort
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- **1939:** Enrolls at the University of Fort Hare in Alice
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- **1940:** Is expelled from the University of Fort Hare
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- **1941:** Runs away to Johannesburg

- 1942: Completes his BA through Unisa
- 1943: Enrols for an LLB at Wits University
- 1944: Co-founds the ANC Youth League; marries Evelyn Mase
- 1948: Is elected National Secretary of the ANC Youth League
- 1951: Is elected President of the ANC Youth League
- 1952: Is Volunteer-in-Chief of the Defiance Campaign; is sentenced to nine months in prison suspended for two years with 19 others for their role in the campaign; is banned for the first time; is asked to leave Wits over unpaid debt; starts South Africa's first black law firm, Mandela & Tambo

- 1955: Watches in secret as the Freedom Charter is adopted in Kliptown
- 1956: Is arrested and charged with high treason with 155 others
- 1958: Divorces Evelyn Mase and marries Winnie Madikizela
- 1960: ANC and PAC are banned after the Sharpeville Massacre
- 1961: Is acquitted in Treason Trial; goes underground; calls on Verwoerd to set up talks on a non-racial future for South Africa; calls for a three-day strike in May over South Africa becoming a republic; is selected as Commander-in-Chief of Umkhonto weSizwe
- 1962: Secretly leaves the country for military training and to get support for the armed struggle; arrested on 5 August; sentenced to five years in prison for leaving the country without a passport and encouraging the strike
- 1963: Joins 10 others on trial for sabotage in the Rivonia Trial

1964: Sentenced with seven others to life imprisonment

- **1986: Starts meeting with the government to persuade them to talk to the ANC**
- **1988: Is treated for TB in hospital for three months**
- **1989: Graduates with an LLB from Unisa**
- **1990: Released from Victor Verster Prison; leads ANC delegation in talks with the government**
- **1993: Is jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize with FW de Klerk for their efforts to end apartheid**
- **1994: Votes in South Africa's first democratic election; is inaugurated as President; his autobiography, Long Walk to Freedom, is published**
- **1995: Starts the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund and donates to it a third of his presidential salary**

1999: Steps down after only one term as president; starts the Nelson Mandela Foundation

- 2003: Starts the 46664 campaign to highlight HIV and AIDS; starts the Mandela Rhodes Foundation to build leadership in Africa
- 2004: Finally retires, saying, "Don't call me, I'll call you."
- 2008: Says to the youth, "It's in your hands to create a better world", prompting the formation of Mandela Day
- 2009: Nelson Mandela International Day is proclaimed by the United Nations
- 2010: Publishes his book, Conversations with Myself
- 2011: Publishes his book, Nelson Mandela By Himself: The Authorised Book of Quotations
- 2013: Passes away peacefully at his home in Johannesburg aged 95

- **“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.” - Nelson Mandela**

A black and white photograph of an elderly man with short, graying hair, looking out a window. He is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved uniform with a pocket on the left side. The background shows a series of vertical columns and a bright window, suggesting an indoor setting like a hallway or a room with large windows. The text "THANK YOU..." is overlaid in a bold, orange font across the middle of the image.

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