



The following list of websites, speeches, videos and books could support teachers to share the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela with their students. This list was compiled with support from the Common Core Fellows.

Websites

African National Congress Homepage

Started in 1912, the African National Congress was one of the primary groups responsible for the overthrow of apartheid in South Africa. The website of the political party that Nelson Mandela helped to build, and which he represented as the Republic of South Africa's first democratically elected president, is home to many useful materials. The ANC remains an active political group and therefore has its own political agenda. However, there are materials that can be useful for teachers in all grade levels. Of particular interest, the site has an easy to digest biography of the leader as well as a collection of notes of condolences from around the world.

<http://www.anc.org.za/nelson/index.php>

The Nelson Mandela Foundation: The Life and Times of Nelson Mandela

This website includes the Nelson Mandela Digital Archive Project. This archive provides a digital collection of print and visual texts spanning the modern history of South Africa and focusing on the late leader of the nation. There are a variety of databases available as well as interactive links. This site could be used in any level of schooling. However, it is important to note that the databases require an understanding by students in how to conduct searches as well as appropriate key terms to use. This site might be ideal for students to use in a High School Global History and Geography course following instruction on conducting database searches as well as lessons on South African history. Middle school teachers might consider visiting the "Educational Guide: Comics" page to develop lessons around Mandela's life.

<http://www.nelsonmandela.org/content/landing/life-times-of-nelson-mandela/>

The Guardian: "How Mandela's struggle an ocean away inspired Obama the activist"

With some support, this article would be appropriate for middle school readers. This text considers the implications that Nelson Mandela's work against the South African National Party had on the political development of President Barack Obama. There are certain history specific terms that may need to be defined for middle school readers.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/06/nelson-mandela-inspired-barack-obama-apartheid>

My Country South Africa

This site is home to a digitized book, produced by the South African Department of education. This text could be used to teach elementary students about certain details of South African culture and history. It is important to note that this book was originally intended for use with South African students and was written with that perspective.

<http://www.education.gov.za/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=p6VZ6lkiOn8%3D&tabid=93&mid=1129>

Nelson Mandela Condolences

At the site for the Nelson Mandela Foundation students can leave a message of condolence for Mandela's passing. The messages are posted online.

<http://www.nelsonmandela.org/>

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission

In announcing the creation of a Nelson Mandela School, Michael Bloomberg stated, "The amazing thing is how he brought people together. After that number of years in jail you'd think he'd come out with a score to settle and he was much smarter than that." A legacy of Mandela and others attempting to unite South Africa is the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The homepage for the TRC includes transcripts of hearings as well as background information about some of the more well-known cases. Be advised that the content of the cases should be reviewed before student use as many of the cases involve acts of brutality and violence.

<http://www.justice.gov.za/trc/>

Harvard Gazette: Mandela's Legacy

The Harvard Gazette staff interviewed two of Harvard University's experts on South Africa, Jean Comaroff and John Comaroff. The Comaroffs discuss the impact of Mandela as well as the current state of South African society. Because of the inclusion of discipline specific vocabulary, this text will need to be read with supports.

<http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2013/12/still-transcendent/>

Speeches Available Online

NPR: LISTEN: Two Mandela Speeches That Made History

National Public Radio has highlighted two of Mandela's most famous speeches his 1964 speech delivered at the sentencing of the infamous Rivonia Trial and his 1994 Presidential Inaugural Address. These two book end speeches represent the point when Mandela was sentenced to spend life in prison—he eventually was released after serving 27 years—and the point where he was inaugurated as the first black president of the Republic of South Africa. Although the speeches represent significant difference in terms of theme they also present the constant vision that Mandela had for a free and democratic South Africa. Included on this page is an excerpted audio version of the Rivonia speech known as, "Statement

from the Dock at the Opening of the Defence Case in the Rivonia Trial” and a video of the entire Inaugural Address of 1994.

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thetwo-way/2013/12/06/249210908/listen-two-mandela-speeches-that-made-history>

Here is the transcribed version of the entire “Statement from the Dock at the Opening of the Defence Case in the Rivonia Trial.”

<http://www.rfksafilm.org/html/speeches/mandela.php>

Nelson Mandela, 1998 - Harvard Voices

This is an excerpt of a speech that Mandela delivered at Harvard University. The subject of the speech is on the need to address disparities in global wealth.

<https://soundcloud.com/harvard/nelson-mandela-1998?in=harvard/sets/harvard-voices>

Nobel Lecture: Nelson Mandela (1993)

This page includes a video of the speech as well as a transcribed version. They could be used in tandem for high school and middle school students. In addition, on the Nobel Prize site there is a page dedicated to the speech delivered by Frederik Willem de Klerk, co-recipient of the Nobel Prize for 1993 and final president of the apartheid government.

Nelson Mandela: http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1993/mandela-lecture.html

F.W. de Klerk: http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1993/klerk-lecture.html

Video

For High School

Frontline* (PBS) *The Long Walk of Nelson Mandela: An Intimate Portrait of One of the 20th Century's Greatest Leaders

This site includes a two hour Frontline documentary about Mandela. Also included on the Frontline site are a teacher’s guide and interviews with important South African historical figures such as Desmond Tutu and Walter Sisulu, as well as two of Mandela’s biographers, Anthony Sampson and Richard Stengel. This site could be used to create a multi-media mini-unit on informational writing.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/mandela/>

History Channel “The Miracle Rising”

The History channel has made this video available for people to view free at their website. The 90-minute video focuses on the fight against apartheid and the individuals who led that fight, including Mandela. Although the video is most appropriate for high school students, there are some sections that can be viewed by younger students as well.

<http://www.history.com/shows/history-specials/videos/miracle-rising-south-africa?m=5189717d404fa&s=All&f=1&free=false>

For Middle School

Biography Channel: Nelson Mandela

This site includes a biography and a short streaming video (2 minutes) about Mandela's life. A link on the site provides a middle school appropriate annotated timeline of Mandela's life as well as a photo gallery and video clips. With support, this site could be used for elementary classes as well.

URL: <http://www.biography.com/people/nelson-mandela-9397017>

For Elementary School

Obama, American leaders reflect on Mandela's legacy

Most appropriate for upper elementary grades, this PBS page reviews the way that leaders have responded to Mandela's passing. Included on the site is an embedded video of President Obama's address on the death of Nelson Mandela. In addition to videos, brief excerpts are included on this page from a variety of news sources. This site could also be used for upper grades as well.

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/2013/12/obama-american-leaders-reflect-on-mandelas-legacy.html>

Books

For High School

Conversations with Myself. By Nelson Mandela (2010)

Conversations with Myself draws on Mandela's personal archive of never-before-seen materials to offer unique access to the private world of an incomparable world leader ([publisher description on amazon.com](#)).

Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela. By Nelson Mandela (1995)

The sweeping autobiography of Mandela, large portions of the book were written while Mandela was imprisoned by South Africa's National Party. The book was released the year he was elected president of The Republic of South Africa.

Nelson Mandela: The Authorized Biography. By Anthony Sampson (2000)

Anthony Sampson, an English journalist who passed away in 2004, developed a friendship with Nelson Mandela in 1951. During the famous Rivonia Trial of 1964, Sampson attended in support of Mandela.

Nelson Mandela: The Authorized Comic Book. By The Nelson Mandela Foundation and Umlando Wezithombe (2009)

This graphic novelization of Mandela's life offers an entry point for students who may need the support of illustrations connected directly to the text or to students who enjoy reading graphic novels. This book is also appropriate for stronger middle school readers.

Nelson Mandela: A Very Short Introduction. By Elleke Boehmer (2008)

This concise piece compares Nelson Mandela, the mythical figure with Nelson Mandela, the historical figure.

For Middle School:

DK Biography: Nelson Mandela. By Lenny Hort and Laaren Brown (2006)

This short biography is suitable for all middle school readers although it has 1000 Lexile score. The inclusion of colorful images and text structure makes it accessible for younger middle school readers and even some strong elementary readers.

Tree Shaker: The Story of Nelson Mandela (2008)

Although this book is currently out of print, the biography written by Keller, an editor with the *New York Times* Johannesburg bureau, presents strong context and important themes in the anti-Apartheid struggle. While a biography of Mandela, this book, which is appropriate for older middle school readers, presents history and images of South Africa along with an engrossing narrative of the life of Madiba.

Mandela: An Illustrated Autobiography. By Nelson Mandela (1996)

This adaptation of the life story of Nelson Mandela includes over 200 images that illustrate his life and times.

For Elementary School:

Nelson Mandela. By Kadir Nelson (2013)

The picture book by Kadir Nelson, author and illustrator of many books on African-American history, captures the beauty and wonder of both Nelson Mandela and the nation he lead.

Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom. By Chris van Wyk (2009)

This adaptation of Mandela's autobiography, appropriate for elementary readers includes illustrations by Paddy Bouma . There are other resources such as a timeline included in this book that can be used in elementary classrooms.