

## AMERICAN, BRITISH AND SOUTH AFRICAN ICONS

### Nelson Mandela Quotes

#### Task 1: INTRODUCTION

Talk to your partner and discuss the following questions:

1. What do you know about South Africa?
2. What was Apartheid?
3. Who was Nelson Mandela?

#### Task 2: READING AND SPEAKING

Read the Nelson Mandela Quotes and discuss in pairs what they mean. Can you apply the quotes to situations from your life?

1. *“May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.”*
2. *“It always seems impossible until it’s done.”*
3. *“A winner is a dreamer who never gives up.”*
4. *“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”*
5. *“The greatest glory in living is not in falling, but in rising every time we fall.”*
6. *“I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.”*
7. *“As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn’t leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I’d still be in prison.”*
8. *“After climbing a great hill. One only finds that there are many more hills to climb.” Nelson Mandela*
9. *“For to be free is not merely to cast off one’s chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.”*
10. *“Sometimes, it falls upon a generation to be great. You can be that great generation. Let your greatness blossom.”*

### **Task 3: READING AND SPEAKING**

Read the Nelson Mandela Quotes and discuss, in pairs, what they mean. Can you apply the quotes to situations from your life?

11. *“There can be no greater gift than that of giving one’s time and energy to helping others without expecting anything in return.”*
12. *“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity, it is an act of justice.”*
13. *“When a man is denied the right to live the life he believes in, he has no choice but to become an outlaw.”*
14. *“I never lose. I either win or learn.”*
15. *“Real leaders must be ready to sacrifice all for the freedom of their people.”*
16. *“No single person can liberate a country. You can only liberate a country if you act as a collective.”*
17. *“If you want the cooperation of humans around you, you must make them feel they are important, and you do that by being genuine and humble.”*
18. *“Courageous people do not fear forgiving, for the sake of peace.”*
19. *“In my country, we go to prison first and then become President.”*
20. *“We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to make a difference.”*

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#### Teachers' Notes

These activities have been designed for upper-intermediate and advanced students to be used before the event as an introduction and a way of getting students interested in the subject.

You can give students 10 minutes to do some research on their phones before they answer the introduction questions.

After students have done Task 2, you may want to ask them to choose their favourite quote.

Task 3 is an extra, in case students enjoy Task 2.

Alternatively, Task 3 can be used after the event, once the students have more information about the South African context.