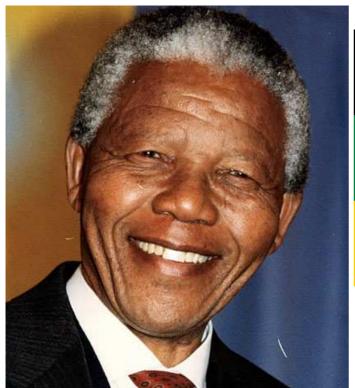# NELSON MANDELA

Nelson Mandela is a South African politician. He was the first President of South Africa to be elected in a democratic election. Mandela was also the first black president of his country. Mandela was born 18 July 1918 in the Transkei region of South Africa. He was one of thirteen children. After his father death, when Nelson was 9 years old, he lived with the local regent who sent him to school. Nelson Mandela was the first member of his family to go to a school, where his teacher gave him the English name 'Nelson'. After he left to Fort Hare University in 1941, he went to Johannesburg .

Anti-apartheid activity:

In 1944, Mandela helped the start of the African National Congress. He was soon a leader in the group. The government saw him as a threat to their policy of apartheid , and they made it very hard for him to keep leading. He was put in jail for this in 1962. In 1990, he was let out of prison after 27 years. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 together with former President Frederik Willem de Klerk. Nelson Mandela was the president of South Africa from 10 May 1994 until 1999. He was considered one of South Africa's greatest leaders of all time and is respected around the world. He admires Mahatma Gandhi and follows many of his teachings. Mandela is considered a hero in South Africa and in most of the world because he helped end apartheid. He also helped racial equality begin in South Africa.

Nelson Mandela e la bandiera dell' ANC