Nelson Mandela was one of the most loved and respected people in the world. For countless reasons, he was and remains a huge hero. He was a person from whom we all learned many lessons. He experienced many things in his nine decades, from being tortured to becoming president of the country he loved. After retiring, he continued to travel the world, helping people and raising awareness of global issues.

Nelson was born in 1918 into a South Africa that was divided along black and white racial lines. He had a wonderful childhood and was a keen runner and boxer. He learnt more of the terrible apartheid system when he studied to become a lawyer. This led to his campaigning for equal rights and his involvement in the African National Congress (ANC), which he later became the leader of.

The South African government did its best to keep Mandela from spreading his message of equality for blacks and racial unity. It put him in prison for 27 years. He became famous around the world as an icon of the struggle for freedom in South Africa. Rock stars, actors, politicians and ordinary people campaigned to free him and end apartheid. He was released from prison in 1990 and the world rejoiced.

Nelson Mandela's call for racial reconciliation won him the hearts of millions. He also won the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1993, and over 250 more awards. A year later, he became his country's first ever black president and was in office until 1999. In his retirement, he continued to tirelessly campaign for many global causes until old age brought him down. He died on the 5th of December, 2013, aged 95.
Name: **Nelson Mandela**  
Birth:  
Death:  

** Childhood and studies:**  
He had  
He enjoyed  
He went  

**His life in numbers:**  
27 =  
1962 =  
1990 =  
1993 =  
1994 =  

**Political action, in chronological order:**  
( past be + ing forms)  
- He when he was at university.  
- He became the leader of the African National Congress (ANC) as he still law.  
- As a politician, he and racial unity.  
- He while he was in prison.  
- As he reconciliation, he won the hearts of millions.  
- Even after he had retired, he  

**He devoted his life to…**  
put an end to apartheid in South Africa.  
the struggle against apartheid.  

**Web search:**  
Explain the sentence: “Rock stars, actors, politicians and ordinary people… apartheid.”  

Write a short article to explain how political figures and famous people helped Mandela fight apartheid in South Africa.  
Make an oral presentation to the class.
Madiba's bio

Complete the crossword with words from the biography by famouspeoplelessons.com

countless, remain, huge, decade, retire, awareness, global, wonderful, childhood, keen, lawyer, campaign, involvement, leader, icon, struggle, freedom, politician, release, rejoice, call, over, award, tirelessly

Across
4. period of life before the age of 13
5. member of the legal profession
7. consciousness, knowledge
8. honor, recognition
9. in a persevering and hard-working way
11. liberty, emancipation
14. more than
16. amazing
19. person actively engaged in politics
21. (v) free from imprisonment
22. (n) appeal
23. enthusiastic or talented

Down
1. immense
2. guide, chief
3. numerous
6. celebrate
10. engagement, commitment
12. (n) fight
13. (v) struggle
15. quit one's job, become a pensioner
17. international
18. a period of ten years
20. symbol
21. (v) continue to be

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