

National Geographic Kids Readers: Nelson Mandela

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before your child shares this book with you, look at the front cover and talk about who Nelson Mandela was and where he lived. Think of words to describe his appearance in the photo.
- Help your child to understand what apartheid is to provide a context for reading. Use the glossary to introduce the word 'racism' and talk about what it means.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
 - Look through the contents list together, discussing points of interest, e.g. that he was the son of a chief in South Africa.
 - Look at the glossary together and read the words and explanations: *activist, campaign, elected, equal rights, lawyer, protest, racism, sentenced, strike, treason, tribe*.
 - Relate some of the glossary words to children's wider experiences, e.g. what equal rights means.
 - Help your child to read South African names and places.
 - Look closely at the photographs of Nelson Mandela and use these to deepen your child's understanding of his time in prison, and his bravery and strength.
 - Use the timeline to help your child recall some of the key moments in Nelson Mandela's life.
 - Ask your child simple questions as you read together. Encourage your child to explain ideas, making reference to the ideas in the book.
- Discuss why Nelson Mandela is remembered and loved by people all over the world. Help your child to understand why he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and how he changed the life of black Africans living in South Africa, and inspired people to protest peacefully for change.
- Check that your child understands what an activist is. Discuss any causes that your child can be an activist for.