Student learning Resources – The Fight for Human Rights

Nelson Mandela & F. W. de Klerk

Watch the video about Nobel Laureates Nelson and Frederik Willem de Klerk and then answer the questions.

1. Who were Nelson Mandela and Frederik Willem de Klerk?

2. Apartheid in South Africa lasted from 1948 until 1994. What was apartheid like as a social system?

3. What did Mandela want to achieve? How did Mandela and de Klerk go about trying to achieve this goal?

4. What human rights do you see as connected to the two Laureates’ work and the situation in South Africa under apartheid?

Here’s an idea:
Start by looking at the diagram on the next page and decide what kind of rights she was fighting for. Then use Amnesty’s summary version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights’ to identify one or more specific articles.

Human rights

Use this image to answer question number 4.

Additional resources – South Africa

5. What is it like in South Africa today? Have the people gained the rights Nelson Mandela was fighting for? Search for information on the Internet. Use evidence from at least two sources in presenting your answer.

Some recommended sources of information:

- [https://www.theguardian.com/world/2008/mar/07/southafrica.race](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2008/mar/07/southafrica.race)

6. What do you think is needed to achieve greater equality in South Africa?

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