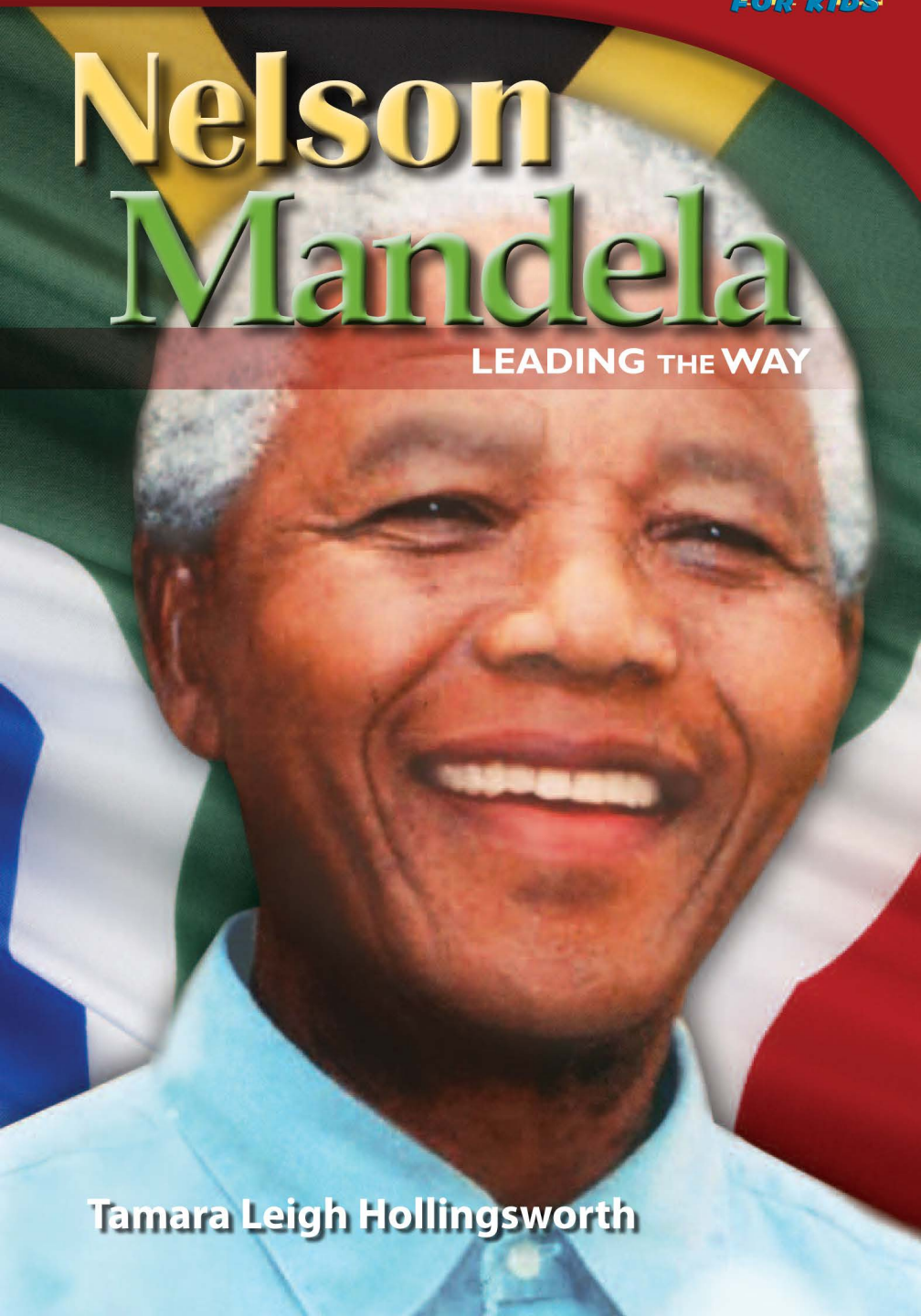
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Chapter 1

A Leader Is Born

The world is filled with people of diverse backgrounds. People around the world look different. They have different ideas. They come from different places. But people are alike in many of ways, too. And every human being deserves fair and equal treatment. There are many people in this world who stand up for this idea.

Nelson Mandela is one of those people. He fought for **equality**. He believed people could live in peace even if they were different. Mandela worked hard to make South Africa a fair place. He never gave up, even in the worst of times. With the help of others, he built a **democracy**. Today, he is known as the Father of South African Freedom.

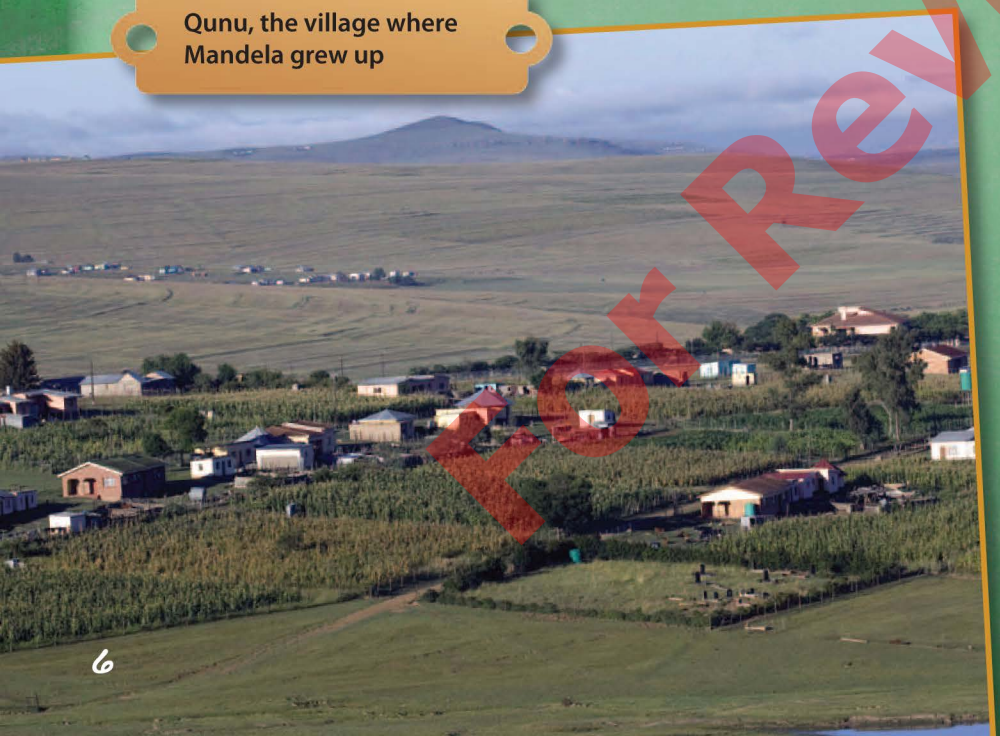


- Who is Nelson Mandela?
- How did he bring freedom to his country?
- Why does he inspire so many people today?

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A Young African

Mandela was born on July 18, 1918. He lived in a small village. As a young boy, he helped his father with chores. He was the first in his family to attend school. It was there Mandela heard troubling stories. In his village, Mandela saw African people working together. But the stories he heard in school said Africans were dangerous. In these stories, white-skinned Afrikaners had to save people from the dark-skinned Africans. Mandela thought about these stories. Why were people who looked like him were always shown doing angry and **cruel** things.

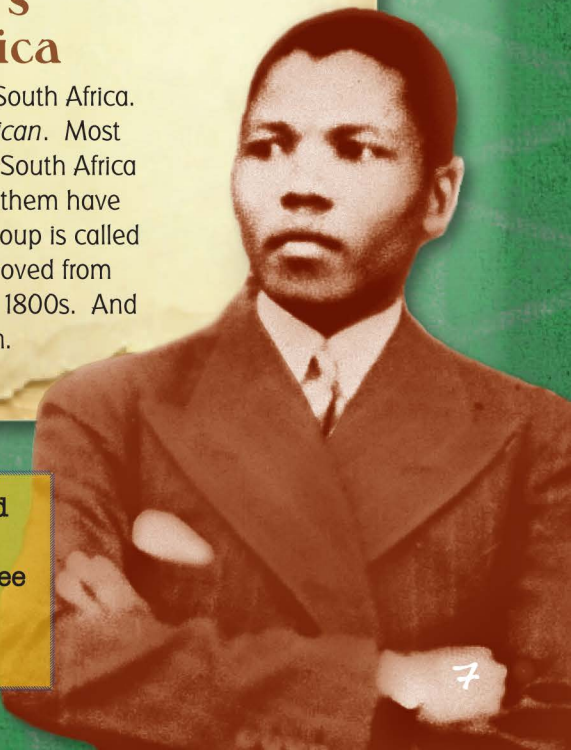


Qunu, the village where Mandela grew up



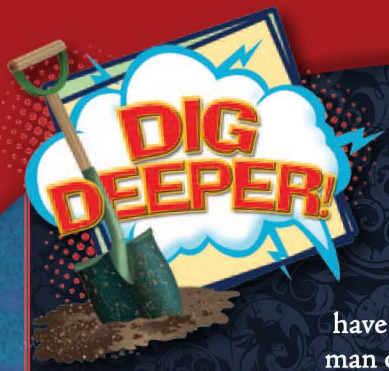
Mandela's South Africa

There are two main races in South Africa. One racial group is called *African*. Most African families have lived in South Africa for a long time. And most of them have dark skin. The other racial group is called *Afrikaner*. Most Afrikaners moved from Europe to South Africa in the 1800s. And most of them have white skin.



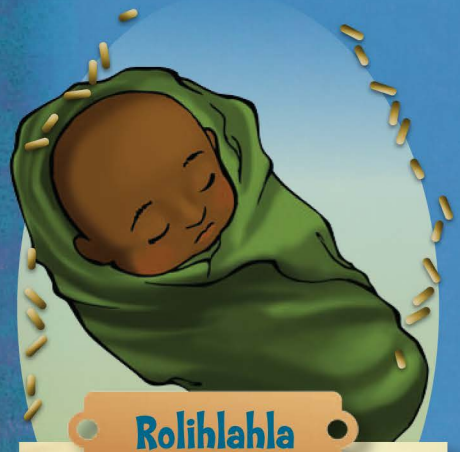
As a child, Mandela liked building toy animals out of clay. He even used tree branches to make an ox pulling a sleigh.

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A Man of Many Names

How many names do you have? Most people have a first name, a middle name, and a last name. Sometimes we have nicknames, too. Nelson Mandela is a man of many names. Each of his names has a unique meaning and a story to go with it.



Rolihlahla

Mandela's father gave him the name **Rolihlahla** at birth. It means "to pull a branch from a tree." Others translate the name as "troublemaker." Despite his name, Mandela was a kind and obedient child.



Nelson

A British teacher gave Nelson this name on the first day of school. Many people had a hard time pronouncing African names. It was common for teachers to give the children in their class English names.



Dalibhunga

"Aaah! Dalibhunga" people say to Mandela in greeting. He was given this name at the age of 16, when he became a man. The name means "creator or founder of the council."



Madiba

Mandela is a member of the Madiba clan. In Africa, it is polite to call a person by his or her clan name. Using this name tells others of Mandela's **ancestry**.



Tata

Tata means "father." Many people call him *Tata* because they respect and admire Mandela as much as their own fathers.



Khula

Khula means "great " and "grand." The people who call him *Khulu* celebrate Mandela as the "Great One."

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