



National History Day Research Resources Reference Services Department

Topic: Nelson Mandela and the Fight for Equality in
South Africa

Print Resources

Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela by Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela: World Leader for Human Rights by Matt Doeden

Young Mandela: The Revolutionary Years by David James Smith
(This is a long book with lots of details about Mandela's life up to age 46.)

Nelson Mandela: A Life in Photographs created by David Elliot Cohen, text by John D. Battersby

In His Own Words, edited by Kader Asmal, David Chidester, Wilmot James with Forewords by Bill Clinton and Kofi Annan - A collection of primary sources - addresses and speeches by Nelson Mandela.

Prospector and Interlibrary Loan

Prospector: <http://prospectorhome.coalliance.org/>

Prospector is a unified catalog of academic, public and special libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. For items not available at the Denver Public Library, search here first. Items can take 1-2 weeks to arrive.

WorldCat: <http://www.denverlibrary.org/content/didnt-find-it>

Use this national and international catalog to search for items not available at the Denver Public Library. You must fill out a one-time Request It registration to place Interlibrary Loan requests. These requests may take two - three weeks to arrive.

Databases/Digital Resources

To access the Denver Public Library databases:

www.denverlibrary.org

Click on the "Research" tab

Click on "Databases A-Z"

Database suggestions:

- Academic Search Premier: Full-text articles on popular culture, computer sciences, engineering, physics, arts, business and more. Use Advanced Search to limit dates if you are interested in articles written at the time of events in Mandela's life. See for example the article "The Mandelas" from Ebony magazine, September 1986:
<http://ezproxy.denverlibrary.org:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=50913981&scope=site>
- Gale Virtual Reference Library - Access full-text encyclopedias covering the arts, biography, country studies, history, law, literature, religion, science, social science and more! Great for research and homework. See for example:
"The African National Congress Founds Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation)" from *Global Events: Milestone Events Throughout History*
<http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CCX3728000122&v=2.1&u=denver&it=r&p=GVRL&sw=w&asid=44204517b08a57b94882edc3df6863cf>
- New York Times Historical Backfile on ProQuest - Contains full-text and images in PDF format of the New York Times from 1851 to three years before current year.
- Readers' Guide Retrospective, 1890-1982: An index of articles published in popular general-interest magazines. Usually you will only find a citation for an article rather than full-text, but DPL owns physical copies of most of the articles and the Reference Department is happy to scan articles for you.

Keywords for Catalog and Database Searching

Nelson Mandela OR Mandela, Nelson

South Africa – Race Relations

Apartheid

Umkhonto we Sizwe OR Spear of the Nation

Rivonia Trial

Primary Sources

Frontline: The Long Walk of Nelson Mandela -

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/mandela/prison/>

Interviews, letters, and writings from Nelson Mandela.

Reader's Guide Retrospective: 1890-1992 (magazine articles observing the events of the day, some full text available in the database, other articles can be obtained by calling DPL Reference)

See sample article: "Fruits of Apartheid" from *New Republic* magazine, May 16, 1964 reporting on Nelson Mandela's trial and his own testimony

<http://ezproxy.denverlibrary.org:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=rgr&AN=523780646&scope=site>

[New York Times Historical Backfile on ProQuest](#) database will also have newspaper articles reporting events as they happened

Some of the Internet Resources noted below also have primary documents

Internet Resources

Nelson Mandela from the BBC History site:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/people/nelson_mandela

Nelson Mandela Foundation:

<http://www.nelsonmandela.org/>

South African History Online

<http://www.sahistory.org.za/>

Famous Trials: The Nelson Mandela (Rivonia) Trial 1963-1964

<http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/mandela/mandalahome.html>

Purdue University Online Writing Lab (Purdue OWL)

MLA Formatting and Style Guide

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

Annotated Bibliography

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/>

Google Searching

By adding [site:gov] or [site:edu] to a Google search, you will return only government or academic webpages.

By adding [-.com] to a search, you will remove .com sites from your returned results.

Put quotation marks around words "[any word]" to search for an exact phrase in an exact order.

For more advanced Google searching tips, visit:

<https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/136861>

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