

Date 10 / 18 PV Log: (circle one) Poem / Movie Picture / LyricTitle Nelson Mandela Released From PrisonAuthor / Director / APF: Association of Fundraising Professionals

Context (Where Found / Viewed / Read?)

I have seen this picture multiple times in Global Studies last year with Mr. Andrews when we studied apartheid, and I decided to do a log on it because of Nelson Mandela's remarkable story.

Content / CD / Summary / Precis (Say? "Plot? Setting/Situation? Key lines/phrases scenes, etc?)

This photo depicts Nelson Mandela and his ex-wife, Winnie (they were currently married), holding hands right after Mandela was released from prison on February 11, 1990. They both have their fists in the air, as his release was a major triumph in the apartheid movement, and there are many people standing behind them. Some look like news reporters while others are obviously some of his supporters.

Content / CM / Meaning? / Theme(s)?

This photo depicts a struggle for righteousness and the importance of persistence in achieving one's goals. At the time of apartheid, Mandela was the leading and most influential revolutionary who stood as the only hope for the blacks of South Africa to ever attain peace and justice. Because of this, Mandela knew he could never give up, despite the long, monotonous and dreary time he faced in prison. He endured a long twenty-seven years of prison life for the people on the outside because he knew that his release could influence the end of apartheid once and for all. Although apartheid did not fall with Mandela's release, this picture reflects a major triumph in South African history because Mandela knows that his tenacity has finally paid off.

Form (Diction? Construction Terms? Symbolism?)

There are various pictures of Nelson Mandela after he was released from prison, but the best one by far is the one that contains both him and his wife pumping their fists into the air in unison. This fist pump symbolizes their knowledge that the end of apartheid is imminent, and that they have finally achieved the much deserved rights for all people in South Africa.

Commentary (What do you want to say? Why like? Questions? Synthesis / Allusions-Connections / Relevance to personal experience, to literature, 20Q's? etc.)? "Poetic" Traits?

Nelson Mandela will forever be a role model in the lives of so many people around the world. He was not only a beacon of hope for righteousness and justice in South Africa, but he also exhibited immense willpower and determination, which will never be forgotten. He defied all odds by surviving so long in prison faced with people aiming at his demise, yet he came out even stronger than before, ready to change South Africa once and for all. Nevertheless, through all of this, Mandela was calm and collected, and he never advocated the use of violence to reach a justified end. He is definitely the epitome of a poetic person because he truly served his role on earth to the best of his abilities without ever giving up, and because he fulfilled his duty to his people, changing their lives forever.