



ENGLISH

2. Nelson Mandela Long Walk to Freedom

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Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. 10th May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil. The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheater formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government.
 - (a) Who were coming and for what before the inauguration?
 - (b) What happened on the inauguration?
 - (c) Find out the word that means the same 'commencement' from the passage.
 - (d) Find the word from the passage which means 'an open space surround by sloping land'
2. "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite. Even in the grimmest times in prison, when my comrades and I were pushed to our limits, I would see a glimmer of humanity in one of the guards, – perhaps just for a second, but it was enough to reassure me and keep me going. Man's goodness is a flame that can be hidden but never extinguished."
 - (a) How does Mandela define the brave?
 - (b) Which was the grimmest time for Mandela?
 - (c) Find a word similar in meaning to 'victory'.
 - (d) Explain Man's goodness is flame that can be hidden but never extinguished.

SHORT QUESTIONS

3. What promise does Mandela make in the beginning of opening of his oath-taking speech?
4. What freedom meant to Mandela in childhood?
5. Why did inauguration ceremony take place in the amphitheatre formed by the Union Building in Pretoria?
6. What did Mandela think for oppressor and oppressed?
7. Describe the effect of the policy of apartheid on the people of South Africa.

LONG QUESTIONS

8. What does Nelson Mandela refer to as "an extraordinary human disaster"?
9. Describe the views of Mandela for the black people who fought and sacrificed their likes for the country's political independence?