

MANDELA Winnie

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1. Winnie Madikizela was born in 1934 at Bizana, Pondoland. Her father was a teacher, her mother was trained in domestic science. She went first to school in Bizana, and then to Shawbury. At 16 she went to the Jan Hofmeyr School of Social Work, and at 19 became the first black medical social worker in South Africa, at Baragwanath Hospital.

Cartoon: Winnie talking to a patient in her office at Baragwanath. The presence of a nurse indicates that it is a hospital.

2. In 1957 Winnie met Nelson Mandela, who in 1956 became one of the accused in the Treason Trial. They married in 1958, and have two daughters, Zenani and Zindziwa. In 1961 Mandela was discharged, but in 1964 was sentenced to life imprisonment for high treason in the famous Rivonia trial. Winnie had been banned in 1962, but now began for her a hard and isolated life.

Cartoon: Winnie as spectator at the Treason Trial
or Winnie at the window of her house, looking at the street outside, being saluted perhaps by a passer-by; (this second suggestion may not be suitable, because it may be similar to the Cartoon for Section three, I leave it to you).

3. Winnie remained banned from 1962 to 1975, but in 1969 she was detained under Section Six of the Terrorism Act, and was in solitary confinement for 17 months. She was imprisoned in 1976 and banned on release in January 1977. On May 15th she was exiled to Brandfort where she now lives. Throughout all these experiences she has retained an extraordinary serenity. There may be many opinions about her politics, but only one about her courage.

Cartoon: Winnie in solitary confinement. (This may be contrary to the law) or Winnie at the window of her small house in Brandfort, being greeted by a passer-by. She has an extraordinarily calm and beautiful face.