

**PS 39 Diversity and Inclusion Book of the Month: February**  
**Theme: Black History**

**Book Title:** Granddad Mandela  
By Zazi, Ziwelene and Ambassador Zindzi Mandela

**Grade Level:** K / 1st

**Book Introduction:**

Two great-grandchildren ask their grandmother 15 questions about the man they remember as Granddad, and the world remembers as Nelson Mandela, the global icon of peace and forgiveness who spent 27 years in prison. They learn that he was a freedom fighter who put down his weapons for the sake of peace, and who then became the President of South Africa and a Nobel Peace Prize-winner, and realise that they can continue his legacy in the world today. Seen through a child's perspective, and authored jointly by his great-grandchildren and daughter, this amazing story is told as never before to celebrate what would have been Nelson's Mandela 100th birthday.

**Discussion Questions:**

- Can you locate South Africa on a map? What did you learn about South Africa from this book?
- After finding a photo of Granddad Mandela, Zazi and Ziwelene ask their Grandma Zindzi questions about his life. Have you ever looked at photos of family/friends and been told stories of the past? Do you think these stories passed down within families are important? Why?
- Granddad Mandela was sent to jail for 27 years for speaking out and fighting against apartheid. What was Granddad Mandela fighting for?
- How does Grandma Zindzi describe her family's lives while Granddad Mandela was in jail?
- Think about the years that Granddad Mandela spent in jail. What do you think would be the hardest part about that time?
- Granddad Mandela sought justice and people united to fight alongside him. What is justice?
- What characteristics made Granddad Mandela a great leader?
- Grandma Zindzi explains the meaning of ubuntu-- 'I am because we all are'. What does this mean to you?
- If you could meet Granddad Mandela, what would you ask him?