

LETTERS: GLOBAL LESSONS



Dear

MR. MANDELA...

DEAR MRS. PARKS

CHILDREN'S LETTERS: GLOBAL LESSONS

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About this **PROJECT...**

Hundreds of children around the world have written letters to two individuals—Nelson Mandela of South Africa and the late Rosa Parks of the United States—who are internationally known for their work in freedom and human rights. The letters show why children admire Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks and reveal their desires for guidance and understanding about life.

This exhibition showcases samples of those letters, provides information about Mr. Mandela and Mrs. Parks, and illustrates the values and goals they share.

It is hoped that this exhibition will help visitors, young and old, from South Africa, the United States, and around the world to:

- Become more aware of the contributions of these two individuals to freedom and human rights
- Become more aware of the values they share
- Increase appreciation of their cultures and traditions
- Understand and be tolerant of diverse cultures and traditions
- Become aware of the ongoing struggle for human rights around the world

Finally, it is hoped that this exhibition will challenge visitors to recognize and find ways to honor individuals in their own families and communities who—like Mandela and Parks—have contributed, in large and small ways, to making a better world.

