

The Black Pimpernel | Written comprehension 3e2

I – Read this comic strip and underline with a pencil the words you don't understand.

II – Work on words



Words in the text	Synonymous <u>or</u> translation
	mouron (p. 87)
	Nice and agreeable
	Faire de l'escrime
	corn
To court	
	More intelligent
	A young cow (p.88)
	Des épines
foolish	
	Brothers and sisters
	Génisses (p.89)
	Separation of races (p.90)
	Non coupable
	Banni (p.91)
High treason	
Acquitted (p.92)	
	In the non legal systems
	Fighting
outlaw	
	The other name of Johannesburg
	Vous êtes en état d'arrestation (p.93)
	Plaider coupable (p.94)
Hang	
	On the spot
Censored (p.95)	
	Des draps (p.97)
Dismantle	
	Porter du fruit
	Archevêque (p.99)

III – Understanding the story

A – Répondez en français aux questions suivantes.

- 1 – Relisez la 2e ligne de vignettes p 88. Comment comprenez-vous l’histoire racontée ? A quoi vous fait-elle penser ?
- 2 –Pourquoi Rolihlahla est-il devenu Nelson?
- 3 – Qu’ont eu à farie Rolihlahla et ses amis quand ils eurent 16 ans? Comment se nomme ce type de pratique dans une société ?
- 4- Quel est le message du chef aux jeunes hommes ? Pourquoi de telles paroles ?
- 5- Que doivent montrer les noirs pour circuler? Peuvent-ils aller où bon leur semble?
- 6- Que s’est-il passé en 1985?

B- True or False ? Justify your answer by quoting from the text. Indicate the page number next to your quote.

		True	False	Justification
1	Mandela’s native language is Zulu			
2	Mandela never went to school			
3	Apartheid is unfair for black people			
4	Mandela never had children			
5	Mandela did some illegal work			
6	Prison was very humiliating			
7	Prisoners found ways to communicate			
8	South Africa never had any support outside its frontiers			
9	Zindzi supported her father politically speaking			
10	De Klerk was a pro-Apartheid man			

C – Dites à quoi correspondent ces dates ou nombres.

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| a) 1918 | f) August 5 th 1962 | k) 1982 | p) April 27 th 1994 |
| b) 1912 | g) 17 months | l) 1985 | q) 2005 |
| c) 1955 | h) 500 | m) 10 000 | |
| d) 156 | i) 22 years | n) 1993 | |
| e) March 1961 | j) 1977 | o) 62% | |

IV- To finish with, write a (very) short biography of Mandela’s life. Don’t forget to use linkwords such as: first, then, to begin with, before +Ving, after + Ving, finally.