

Discussion Questions for *Invictus*

Some of the major characters to watch for: Nelson Mandela, François Pienaar, Brenda Mazibuko (assistant to the President), Jason Tshabalala (head of the Mandela's security)

1. With everything going on in his Administration and in his country, why did Mandela take such a significant interest in this rugby team? And what was radical about this? Why was it so hard for his political supporters to get on board with his affirmation of the sport?
2. Identify some scenes where President Mandela surprised people with his approach to leadership. Do you see any common threads across these situations?
3. Great leaders reproduce themselves, enabling others to lead as they do. Watch for this, especially with Mandela and François Pienaar, the captain of the rugby team. How does Mandela develop Pienaar's leadership and why is this so important?
4. Why is this movie entitled *Invictus*? Is the reason worth remembering for you?
5. What are the key leadership lessons in this story? What does Mandela do that you'd like to be able to do?