**Monday reading questions: *Nelson Mandela* song**

Link to the song’s music video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgcTvoWjZJU>

Lyrics:

Free Nelson Mandela  
Free, free, free, free, free  
Nelson Mandela  
  
Free Nelson Mandela  
Twenty-one years in captivity  
Shoes too small to fit his feet  
His body abused but his mind is still free  
Are you so blind that you cannot see?  
I said free Nelson Mandela  
I'm begging you, free Nelson Mandela  
  
Pleaded the causes at the ANC  
Only one man in a large army  
Are you so blind that you cannot see?  
Are you so deaf that you cannot hear his plea?  
Free Nelson Mandela  
I'm begging you, free Nelson Mandela  
  
Twenty-one years in captivity  
Are you so blind that you cannot see?  
Are you so deaf that you cannot hear?  
Are you so dumb that you cannot speak?  
I said free Nelson Mandela  
I'm begging you, free Nelson Mandela  
Free Nelson Mandela  
  
Begging you, begging you please  
Free Nelson Mandela  
You've got to, you've got to  
You got to free  
You got to free  
You got to free  
Nelson Mandela  
Nelson Mandela  
I'm telling you, telling you, telling you  
You've got to free, you've got to free  
You've got to free, you've got to free  
Nelson Mandela

**Which word is repeated the most throughout this song? What effect does hearing this word over and over have on the reader?**

**What does the phrase *‘twenty-one years in captivity’* mean?**

***‘His body abused but his mind is still free.’* Who do you think might have abused/hurt Nelson Mandela’s body?**

***‘Are you so blind that you cannot see?’* Who do you think the musicians are talking to when they sing this line?**

**The ANC stands for African National Congress which is the political party that has been governing South Africa since 1994 when Nelson Mandela became president. What do you think their main beliefs are?**