Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom

Assignment

Short Questions:

1. At the beginning of his speech, Mandela mentions “an extraordinary human disaster”. What does he mean by this? What is the “glorious human achievement” he speaks of at the end?
2. What ideals does Nelson Mandela set for the future of South Africa?
3. Why were two national anthems sung?
4. What does courage mean to Mandela?
5. What “twin obligations” does Mandela mention?
6. Does Mandela think the oppressor is free? Why/why not?

Long Questions:

1. Why did such a large number of international leaders attend the inauguration? What did it signify the triumph of?
2. Would you agree that the “depths of oppression” create “heights of character”? How does Mandela illustrate this? Can you add your own examples to this argument?
3. How did Mandela’s ‘hunger for freedom’ change his life?