**Forgiveness is essential to achieving reconciliation. How is this shown in Invictus?**

Introduce the quote​

Put in the direct quote – the evidence​

Include an analytical verb​

Analyse the link between the quote and the topic. ​

explain your idea in more detail

There is a memorable scene in the first 30 minutes of the film when Mandela's head of personal security rushes in to question the arrival of the previous President's white bodyguards as the back-up staff in response to his request for more staff. Mandela's security chief enters agitated about the situation. Mandela responds to his protests by leaving his desk and gently challenging him - wasn't he the one who requested more security staff? Mandela says gently, "The Rainbow Nation starts here. Reconciliation starts here."

His security leader responds:"Not long ago these guys tried to kill us."

Mandela responds, "Yes I know, forgiveness starts here. Forgiveness liberates the soul. It removes fear. That is why it is such a powerful weapon." This demonstrates that Mandela realizes the nation has been torn apart by apartheid. Division has damaged and almost destroyed his nation. It must be brought back together as this rainbow nation. That requires reconciliation at a national level. But any reconciliation starts at the personal level. And he will be the role model.

One important moment of Mandela’s directive leader abilities is captured when he fights the new Rugby Sport Association, composed of mostly blacks, to not drop Springbok’s name, emblem, and the team colors. As we can see, Mandela was not only challenged by the white population but by his black people, too. The blacks don’t support the team because they viewed it as it represents the prior suppression. However, Mandela saw as his duty to keep the Springbok’s name, emblem, and colors. “You reached a decision with insufficient info and foresight. ......know. Who is with me?” This highlights that Mandela asks the current leaders to change tactics and work towards a peaceful environment. It’s a lot to ask but Mandela’s strong commitment to unity prevails. The very task of uniting the country through rugby shows a supportive leader towards white’s value and love for a sport that meant the world to them: rugby.