

SOUTH AFRICA'S HISTORY

- In 1600, the Dutch settled in South Africa.
- They were known as “Boers”.

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- Belgians, Germans, and French settlers soon joined them.
- These groups together were known as “Afrikaners” and spoke their own language.

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- These groups pushed Africans off the best land and set up farms and plantations.
- The British came in the early 1800's.
- The discovery of Diamonds and gold brought many more.

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- Tensions increased between the Afrikaans and British resulting in a war.
- In 1910 Afrikaner and British territories known as South Africa became part of the British Empire.

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- South Africa was ruled by whites under the British Empire.
- In 1912, Black Africans created the African National Congress (ANC) in the hopes of gaining power.

APARTHEID

- In 1948, whites of South Africa set up a system of apartheid (apartness).
- Apartheid set up a system of legislation that made it illegal for different races or ethnic groups to mix.

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- Apartheid legislation created segregation and limited rights for blacks.
- For more than 40 years, people protested against the practice.

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- Many black Africans were jailed for their actions.
- The United Nations declared that apartheid was “a crime against humanity”.

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- As a result, countries cut off trade with South Africa.
- Apartheid ended in 1991.
- Democratic elections were first held in 1994 electing Nelson Mandela as the first black President.

Nelson Mandela (1918-)

“It was during those long and lonely years in prison that my hunger for the freedom of my own people became a hunger for the freedom of all people, white and black. I knew as well as I knew anything that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed. A man who takes away

another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred, he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness. When I walk out of both. . . We have not taken the final step of our journey, but the first step on a longer and even more difficult road. For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."