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Coloured (mixed race)

Bantu (black)



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Pupils' own responses, such as: The author has used some bullet points in the text. I think this is to highlight part of what the government had done.