

# Black History Month: South Africa

South Africa has a rich and complex history and is known for its diverse cultures and significant struggles for freedom and equality. One of the most important periods in South Africa's history is the fight against apartheid, a system of racial segregation that kept black South Africans apart from white South Africans. Under apartheid, black South Africans were treated unfairly and given fewer rights and opportunities. They were not allowed to vote and they faced severe restrictions on where they could live and work. They were forced to live in separate areas, attend different schools, and even use different public facilities. The system lasted from 1948 to 1994 and caused immense suffering, making it crucial to end apartheid so that all South Africans could have equal rights, opportunities, and dignity.

Nelson Mandela, a famous leader in South Africa, became one of the key figures in the fight against apartheid. He believed passionately in equality and justice and worked tirelessly to bring about change. Because of his beliefs and actions, Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years, enduring harsh conditions. However, his determination and courage never wavered. His bravery inspired many others in South Africa and around the world to stand up for their rights and to demand an end to apartheid.

Finally, in 1994, apartheid ended, and Nelson Mandela became the first black president of South Africa. His leadership was crucial in helping the country heal and move toward peace and reconciliation, encouraging forgiveness and understanding between different racial groups. Mandela's life teaches us important lessons about standing up for what is right, even when it is difficult. His efforts helped prevent further conflict and laid the foundation for a more inclusive and just society in South Africa.

## Questions

1. **What was apartheid in South Africa?**

**2. Who was Nelson Mandela?**

**3. How long was Nelson Mandela in prison?**

**4. When did apartheid end in South Africa?**

**5. How did apartheid affect the lives of black South africans?**

**6. How did Nelson Mandela's style of leadership continue to peace and reconciliation, after apartheid?**

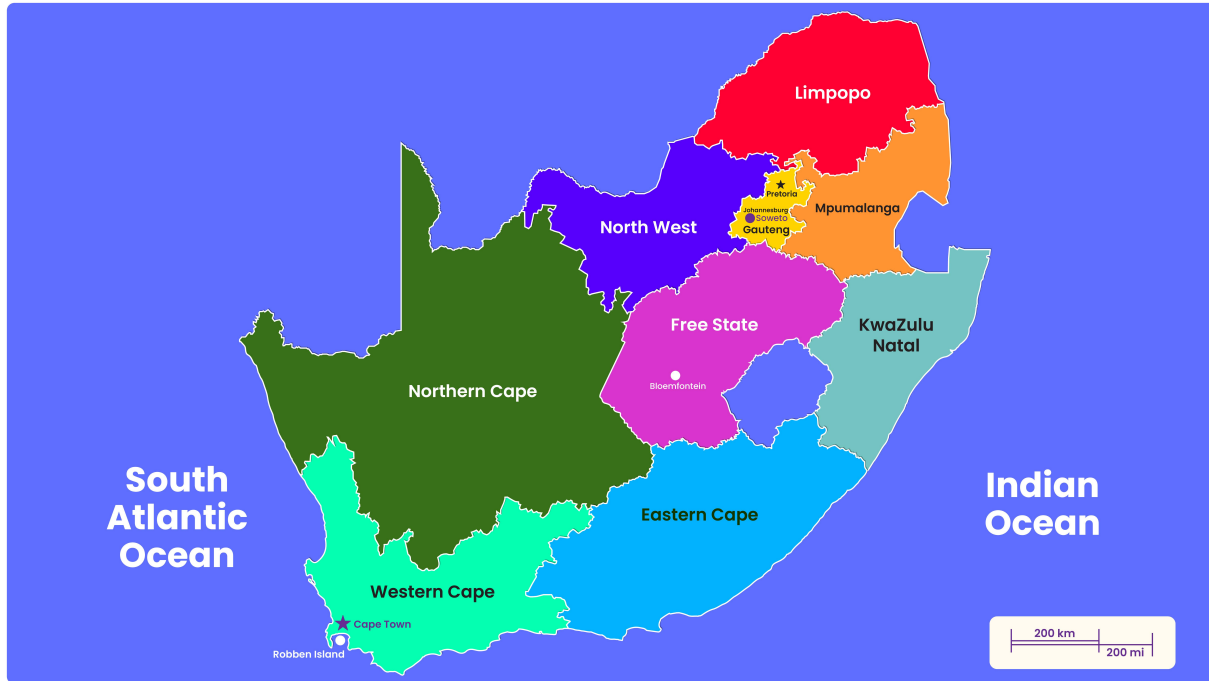
## Letter writing activity

Write a letter as if you were living during apartheid. You can imagine you are someone affected by the laws or someone supporting the fight against them. You can write to a friend, a government official, or even to Nelson Mandela.

## **Day in the Life Activity**

**Write a diary entry as if you were living in South Africa in the apartheid era. You can choose to write this diary entry as a child, parent or young activist. The diary should describe daily life, challenges and hopes for the future.**

Highlight key places associated with apartheid and the anti-apartheid movement, such as Robben Island, Soweto and Johannesburg. Then use the Voice Comment to describe why these places are important.

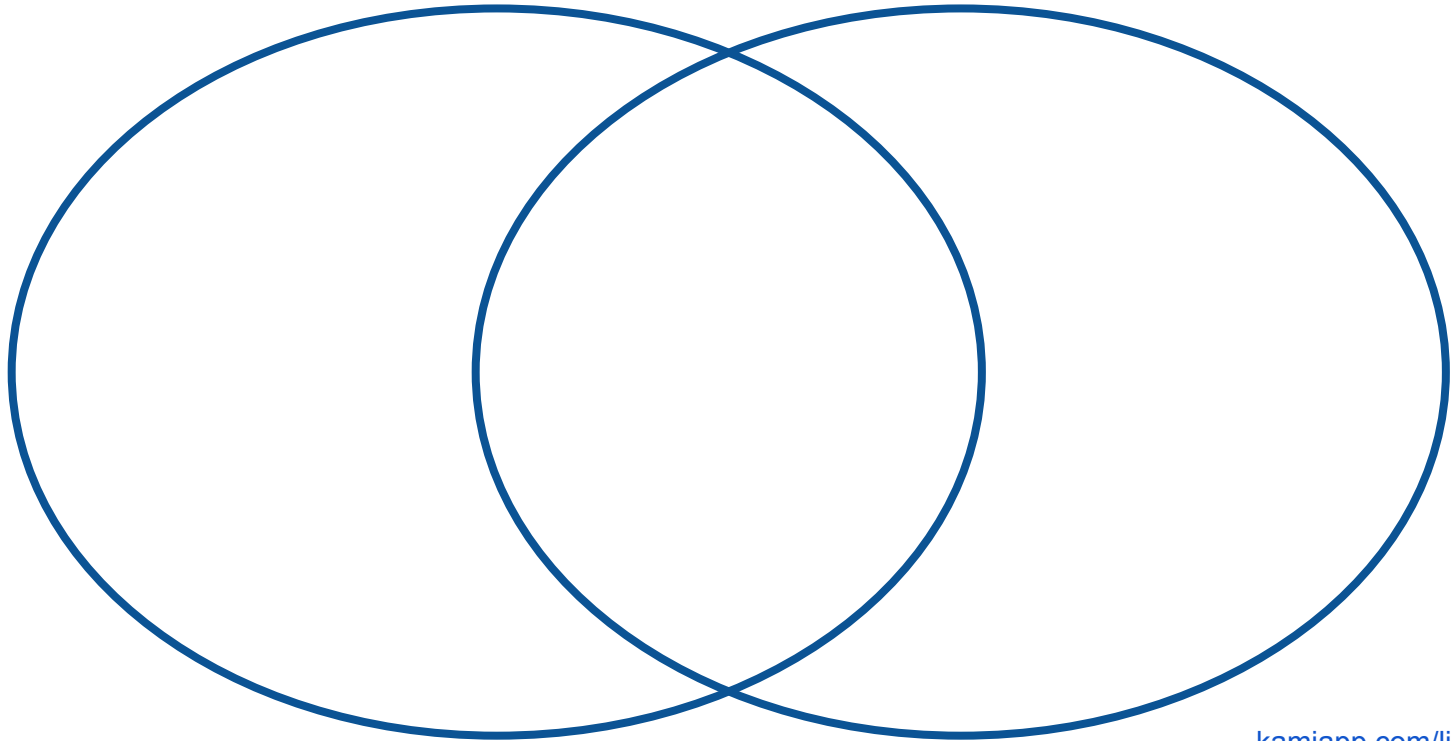


# Apartheid vs. Civil Rights Movement

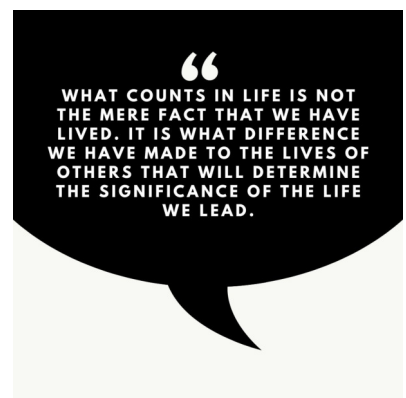
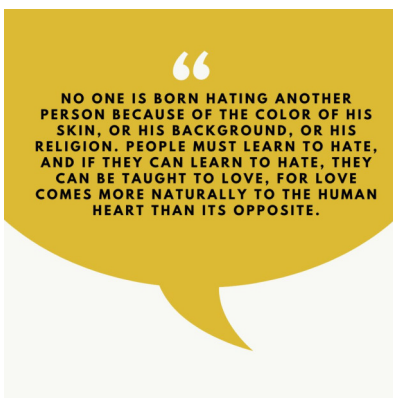
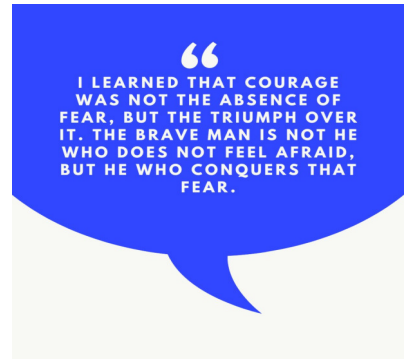
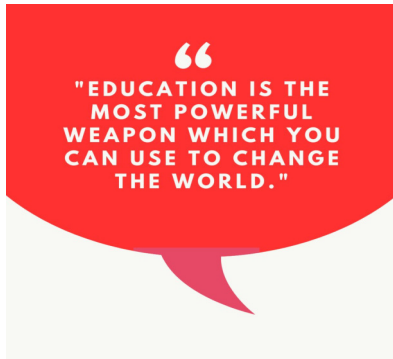
Make notes on Apartheid

Make notes on the Civil Rights Movement

**Apartheid vs. Civil Rights Movement** - Create a Venn diagram to show differences & similarities



## Nelson Mandela's Quotes




Choose a quote that you like best, and make some notes here on things that stand out for you. Use the next page to create a poster that illustrates the message.






Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Nelson Mandela

Use the Voice Comment Tool  to explain the following: **Name, Date of Birth and Date of Death.**

Use the Media Tool  to insert an image relevant to Nelson Mandela.

Use the Media Tool  to insert a YouTube video relevant to Nelson Mandela.

Use the Text Tool  to provide four facts about his life and background.

Why do we celebrate him? Why is he considered to be influential?

Famous Quotes:

Why did you choose to research this person?


Create a timeline of notable events


Who or what influenced Nelson Mandela in his life and work?

What is his legacy? How is he remembered or thought of today?


Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Desmond Tutu

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# Steve Biko

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# Winnie Madikizela-Mandela

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# Albertina Sisulu

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