

CENTRAL & SOUTHERN AFRICA

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HISTORY

- 1652 Dutch arrived - descendants (Afrikaners)
- 1700's British/French arrived
- 1800's white settlers forced Africans off the best land
- 1899-1902 British and Afrikaners fought over land British won
- 1910 British created union of South Africa
- White-led government passed laws to keep land and wealth in white hands
- Blacks could live and own land in only 8% of the country
- British granted independence in 1931

APARTHEID

- 1948 Afrikaners took political control of country
- Apartheid - system of treating whites and nonwhites by different rules - made it legal to discriminate
- Split people into 4 races
 - 75% 1. Blacks - no rights
 - 2. Whites
 - 3. Coloreds (mixed)
 - 12% 4. Asians (India) few rights
- 1950's protests to end began peaceful - became violent
- 1970's - other countries became involved
- 1990 Apartheid ended
- Nelson Mandela

CULTURE

- great diversity
- 90% of population are black ethnic groups (Zulu, Xhosa)
- White population (British, Dutch, German, French, Portuguese)
- Asians (from India)
- 45% Rural
58% Urban
- 79% Black African
10% White
9% Other Black
3% Indian/Asian

RESHAPING NATION

- African National Congress (ANC) black led political party
- Mandela imprisoned in 1962 - freed in 1990 - elected president in 1994
- New constitution a world model for human rights

TODAY

- Nelson Mandela retired
- 1999 2nd election w/blacks voting - Thabo Mbeki new president - reelected in 2004