

History Topic: South Africa, 1948-94:
From apartheid state to 'rainbow nation'

Key Term	Meaning
Apartheid	Strict separation of different racial groups. It is an Afrikaans word, meaning "apart-hood".
Civil Disobedience	Peaceful refusal to obey laws.
Communism	Belief that the planning and control of the economy and society should all be controlled by the state. People should be rewarded according to the value of their contribution to society. Nationalist politicians opposed in particular the belief that all should have equality of opportunity regardless of ethnicity.
Nationalism	Identification with one's own nation and support for its interests, especially to the exclusion or detriment of the interests of other nations or ethnic groups within a country.
Democracy	Country in which everyone may vote.
Migrant	Moving from one place to another.
Sabotage	Deliberate destruction.
Sanctions	A threatened penalty for disobeying a law or rule.
Segregation	Situation in which different racial groups are separated.
White supremacy	A belief in the right of white people to govern and the inferiority of non-white people.
Broederbond	Hugely influential Afrikaner organisation promoting apartheid and Afrikaner hegemony.
Laager mentality	The belief among Afrikaners of the need to stick together in the face of outside criticism: the analogy refers to how Boers would defend themselves within camps (laagers) if attacked by Africans during the period of settlement.
Constitution	A body of fundamental principles or established precedents according to which a state or other organization is acknowledged to be governed.
Terrorism	the unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims.
Commonwealth	Association of members and former members of the British Empire.
Militant	favouring confrontational or violent methods in support of a political or social cause.
Africanist	Refers to Africanism, the policy of black Africans to fight against apartheid without help from other ethnic groups.
Eugenics	The study of or belief in the possibility of improving the qualities of the human species or a human population, especially by such means as discouraging reproduction by persons having genetic defects or presumed to have inheritable undesirable traits (negative eugenics) or encouraging reproduction by persons presumed to have inheritable desirable traits (positive eugenics).
Boers	A Dutch word; the name given to the settlers from the Netherlands and Germany.
Draconian	Extreme
Integrationist	One who believes that all races, including white people, should be involved in the fight against apartheid.
Betterment	Government-driven improvements in agriculture and living conditions in the homelands.
Afrikaners	Descendants of immigrants to South Africa, mainly from the Netherlands and Germany.
Tricameral	A parliament comprised of three houses, in the case assembly, representatives and delegates.
Soweto	An acronym for South Western Townships (African townships on the edge of Johannesburg).
Bantustans	African homelands or tribal reserves.
Inkhata	Zulu nationalist organisation which developed in the Inkhata Freedom Party in 1990: It opposed the ANC in the 1980s and sought an independent Zulu homeland.
Mandate	Former colony of the defeated powers after the First World War, given to the victorious powers to prepare for independence. Most powers were reluctant to relinquish control
Republic	Country without a monarch as its head of state, usually led by a president.
Radicalisation	Process by which people come to adopt extreme political or religious ideas, often through undue influence from particular groups, in the case the PAC.

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