



British Hills Knowledge Base: South Africa

Read the text, and answer the questions below:

1. For how long have humans lived in South Africa?

At least 170,000 years.

2. What peoples lived in the South African region before the European arrival?

The Khoi Khoi and San, and peoples originally from central and Western Africa.

3. Why did the Dutch East Indies company make a settlement at Cape Town?

To provide a safe, permanent place for ships to stop on trade routes.

4. When did Britain take control of the whole South African region?

1902.

5. When did South Africa become independent from Britain?

1910.

6. What was Apartheid?

A system that maintained the power of the white minority while oppressing the black, coloured and Asian majorities.

7. Who was Nelson Mandela?

An antiapartheid activist and the first Black president of South Africa.

8. What is universal suffrage?

The right to vote regardless of income, gender, race, ethnicity, or other restriction.