# Apartheid in South Africa

## What brought down apartheid in South Africa?

#### Part 1: The History of Apartheid

At Site 1, review Timeline sections from 1960 to the present to answer the following questions

| about the history of South African apartheid.   |
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| 1. Why did the ANC turn to violent action in 1961? (Open 1960-1969 link.)                     |
| 2. What effect did rising prices have in the 1970s? (Open 1970-1979 link.)                    |
| 3. How were high school and college students involved in the struggle? (Open 1970-1979 link.) |
| 4. How did the ANC call on township residents in 1985? (Open 1980-1989 link.)                 |
| 5. What did the lifting of the ANC ban in February 1990 mean for the white regime? (Open      |

1990-1999 link.)

#### Part 2: Images of Apartheid

At Site 2, view the images and briefly record your impressions below.

#### Part 3: Timeline of Apartheid

Using Sites 1 and 3, complete this timeline of the 10 most important events in the history of South African apartheid.

| Date              | Event   | Description  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| 1948              | National Party<br>Government comes to<br>power. | The party implements stronger racial segregation laws, creating the system of apartheid.                                     |
| 1950              | Group Areas Act                                 | Over 3 million people are forcibly relocated.  |
| 1950              | Population Registration<br>Act                  | All South Africans are identified according to racial categories: Bantu (black African), white, or Coloured (of mixed race). |
| March 21,<br>1960 | Sharpeville Massacre                            | Police open fire on demonstrators, killing 69 and wounding as many as 300.   |
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| '                 | Constitution re-written and free elections      | Apartheid ends.  |

### Part 4: Commemorate the downfall of apartheid