

Welcome to A level History!



Half of your Y12 course will be studying **South Africa in the 20th century**. As this is an area of the world many of us have less contextual knowledge, I would like your pre-learning to acclimatise with the geography of South Africa. Annotate the map on the next page by answering the questions. Make sure to make it colourful! Please bring this to your first lesson in September.

Mr Harpur

Optional prep ideas:

There are many ways to develop your understanding of this time period. Here are a few suggestions:

- Read some of Nelson Mandela's famous speeches or his book, or some of the other texts mentioned in the suggested reading list. We have 4 copies of Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom in S3. If you'd like your own copy you can buy one [here](#).
- Watch the Mandela film or Invictus – both will give you a valuable insight into Apartheid.
- See if you can find any news reports about the Apartheid regime in South Africa – what key events were reported in the Media?

Additional reading list

Nancy L Clark, *South Africa: The Rise and Fall of Apartheid* (Seminar Studies In History, Routledge, 2011)

Saul Dubow, *Apartheid, 1948–1994* (Oxford University Press, 2014)

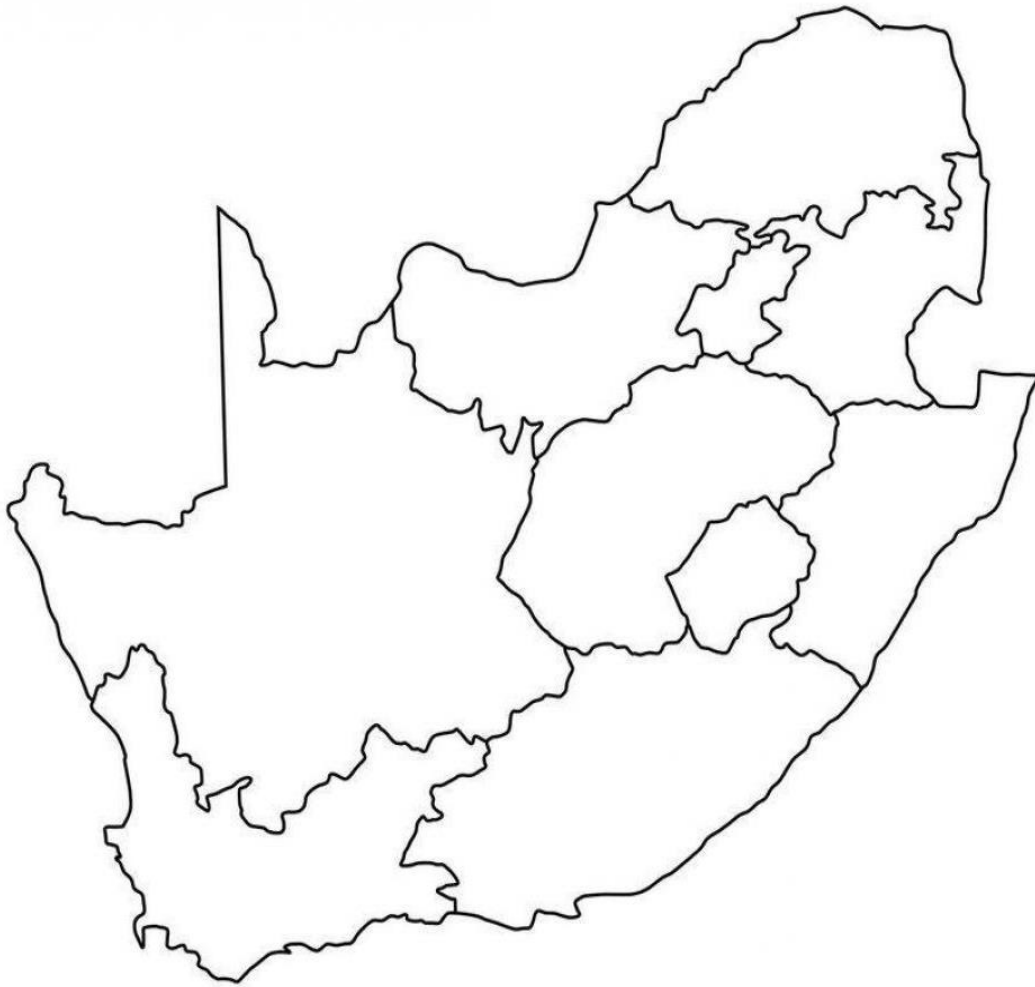
Nelson Mandela, *The Long Walk to Freedom* (Abacus, 2013)

Tony Pinchuk, *Mandela for beginners* (Icon, 1994)

Martin Roberts, *South Africa 1948–1994: the Rise and Fall of Apartheid* (Longman, 2001)

Nadine Gordimer, *Telling Times: Writing and Living, 1950–2008* (Bloomsbury, 2011)

Rosemary Mulholland, *South Africa 1948–1994* (Cambridge University Press, 1997)



1. Label the country of Lesotho.
2. Label each South African region.
3. Find and add these South African cities:
 - a. Cape Town
 - b. Johannesburg
 - c. Durban
 - d. Port Elizabeth
 - e. East London
 - f. Sharpeville
4. Find and add three points in interest in South Africa.



The other half of your Y12 course will be studying **In Search of the American Dream 1917-1996.**

In the first unit we will be looking at the political environment in America in the twentieth century.

I would like you to prepare for this by creating a timeline of American Presidents from Woodrow Wilson to Ronald Reagan:

President	Dates of presidency	Political party	Key facts (at least 3)

Mr Eccles

Optional prep ideas:

There are many ways to develop your understanding of this time period. Aim to read at least one of the books or watch one of the films on the list below.

The history of America in the twentieth century still has an impact today. Keep up to date on the current political situation in America. Make sure you get your news from a reliable source, such as the BBC.

Reading List

- Anthony J. Badger, *The New Deal: The Depression Years 1933–40* (Palgrave MacMillan, 1989)
- Hugh Brogan, *The Penguin History of the United States of America* (Penguin, 2001)
- Bill Bryson, *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* (Transworld Publishers, 2007)

- Bill Bryson, *One Summer: America 1927* (Transworld Publishers, 2013)
- Robin Bunce and Laura Gallagher, *Edexcel AS History, Unit 1: Pursuing Life and Liberty: Equality in the USA, 1945–1968* (Pearson, 2009)
- Peter Clements, *Prosperity Depression and the New Deal Third Edition, Access to History* (Hodder Education, 2005)
- Richard S Conley (editor), *Reassessing the Reagan Presidency* (University Press of America, 2003)
- Alistair Cooke, *Alistair Cooke's American Journey* (Allen Lane, 2006)
- Robert Dallek, *John F Kennedy: An Unfinished Life, 1917-63* (Penguin, 2003)
- Michael Heale, *The Sixties in America: History, Politics and Protest* (Edinburgh University Press, 2001)
- Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Cornerstone, 2015)
- Lucy Moore, *Anything Goes: A Biography of the Roaring Twenties* (Atlantic Books, 2008)
- James T. Patterson, *Grand Expectations: The United States, 1945-74* (Oxford University Press, 1996)
- Vivienne Sanders, *Civil Rights in the USA, 1945-1968, Access to History* (Hodder Education, 2008)
- Sean Wilentz, *The Age of Reagan: A History, 1974-2008* (Harper Collins, 2008)
- Doug and Susan Willoughby, *The USA 1917–45, Heinemann Advanced History* (Heinemann, 2000)

Films: *(these are not sources of historical evidence but give a feel of the period of American history that you will be studying)*

- Argo (2012)
- Forrest Gump (1994)
- Frost/Nixon (2008)
- Good Night, and Good Luck (2005)
- Hairspray (2007)
- Selma (2014)
- The Butler (2013)
- The Founder (2016)
- The Great Gatsby (2012)
- The Help (2011)
- The Untouchables (1987)
- 12 Years a Slave (2013)