The rise and fall of Apartheid

“For to be free is not merely to cast off one’s chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.” [Nelson Mandela]

Common Core Standards met:
• RI.9-10.2, RI.9-10.4, RI.9-10.6, RI.9-10.7, L.9-10.6, SL.9-10.1
• W.9-10.7: Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
• W.9-10.9: Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Directions: This webquest will help inform you about the issues of Apartheid, giving you a better understanding of Cry, The Beloved Country. Please answer the following questions in complete sentences in your IN, and feel free to insert any pictures, graphs, or maps that may be helpful in answering the questions.

1. Please go to the website:

2. Read the first page you come to, the “Index” page that is the above web address. Please summarize the overall history of Apartheid in South Africa.

3. Click on “Zulu Rise & Mfecane”.
   a. Who is Emperor Shaka and how was he involved in the rise of Apartheid?
   b. What is Mfecane and how is it related to Shaka and South Africa?

4. Click on “Oppression Of Khoikhoi and Xhosa”. How did denying tradition affect the people of South Africa, and what was the aftermath of the situation?

5. Click on “Afrikaners Versus English”. What are the differences between these two groups of people? How might this cause tension for South Africa, eventually leading to Apartheid?

6. Click on “Apartheid Origins”. Please read the page and summarize the origins of Apartheid.

7. Click on “Apartheid Laws”. Which ‘law’ was the most outrageous to you? Why do you think that law was created/existed?

8. Click on “South African Aggression”. Please read the page and then explain:
   a. What two-pronged policy did South Africa pursue after losing some of its political allies?
   b. Why was the “war” in South Africa so unpopular in towards the end of the 20th century?
9. Click on “Collapse of Apartheid”.
   a. Who is Steve Biko?
   b. What role did he and Nelson Mandela play in the collapse of the Apartheid system?

10. Please open a separate tab and go to: [http://www.nelsonmandela.org/content/page/biography](http://www.nelsonmandela.org/content/page/biography)
   Read the biography, and then describe what you believe to be his biggest accomplishment.

11. Go back to the BBC site we have been working on. Click on “Timeline”. Please look over the timeline on the page.
   a. Create your own timeline with what you feel are the major steps toward the rise and fall of Apartheid.

12. Now that you have learned about Apartheid in South Africa, please write a 1-2 sentence definition of Apartheid.