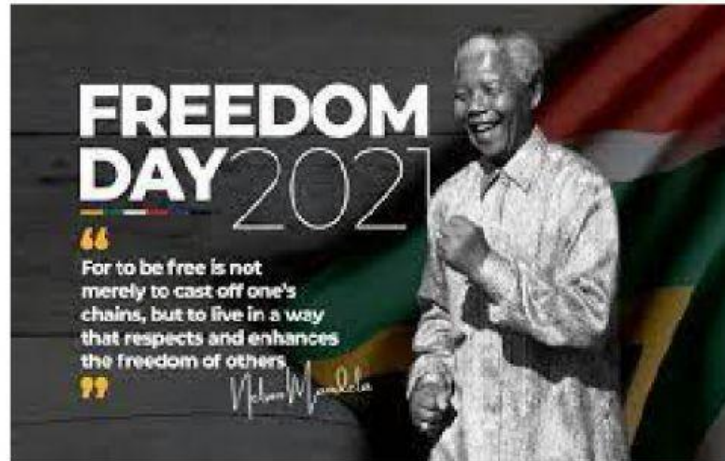




Freedom Day in South Africa.



What is Freedom why is it so important?

In 1994 had their first non-racial democratic election. For over 300 years South Africa was under colonialism white rule. There were people who fought for many years believing that all races and cultures should have equal rights.

Nelson Mandela, the "father of the nation," fought bitterly for decades and spent over 3 decades in prison because of his beliefs. There were many others who were in agreement with him, Walter Sisulu, Oliver Thabo, Thabo Mbeki to name a few who were either banished from their birth country or imprisoned.

For years went on and in 1994 all South Africans were allowed to vote. Nelson Mandela was the first to vote on this historic day. It was made an official holiday thereafter as a remembrance of the day that all South Africans could stand shoulder to shoulder and have equal rights.

On that historical day 19.4 million people voted millions it was their first time to have their say and not be punished jailed or banished for their belief.

1. When is Freedom day in South Africa?

2. Why is Freedom Day celebrated? What is the significance?

3. How many people voted in the first non-racial democratic election?

4. Why is Nelson Mandela so important?