

A Timeline of South Africa

1. Match the dates and events: Match each date (1–6) with the correct event (A–F).

Date	Answer	Event
1. 1652	_____	A. Nelson Mandela is released from prison.
2. 1912	_____	B. Apartheid begins.
3. 1948	_____	C. Nelson Mandela becomes president.
4. 1960	_____	D. The ANC is founded.
5. 1990	_____	E. Jan van Riebeck founds the Cape Colony.
6. 1994	_____	F. 70 black demonstrators are killed at Sharpeville.

2. True or False?

Read the sentences and write True (T) or False (F).

1. South Africa has three capitals. _____
2. Nelson Mandela was in prison for 10 years. _____
3. The ANC was founded in 1912. _____
4. South Africa became a republic in 1961. _____
5. Nelson Mandela became president in 1994. _____

3. Complete the sentences Use the following words

Mandela • apartheid • 1994 • ANC • Freedom Day

1. The policy of racial separation was called _____.
2. The African National Congress is also called the _____.
3. _____ was released from prison in 1990.
4. South Africa had its first non-racial elections in _____.
5. South Africans celebrate _____ on April 27th.

4. Put the events in order

Number these events from 1 (first) to 4 (last).

- _____ Mandela becomes president.
_____ The ANC is founded.
_____ Apartheid is adopted.
_____ Mandela is released from prison.

5. Short answer

A. Why is April 27th an important day in South Africa?

B. Why do you think South Africa is called the Rainbow Nation?
