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SECTION 4

STRUGGLES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

TEXT SUMMARY

For 342 years, Europeans ran South Africa. Whites set up a system of **apartheid,** or separation of the races, in 1948. Laws said certain races must live in certain zones. They banned mixed marriages and forced nonwhites to carry passbooks. They called for separate trains, beaches, and schools. Low wages and poor schools doomed blacks to poverty.

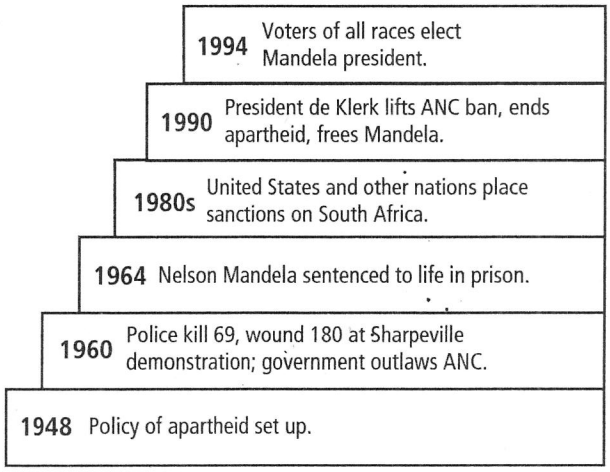
The African National Congress (ANC) had fought white domination since 1912. (See diagram below.) Their marches and strikes sparked violence. At a 1960 rally, police gunned down protesters. Laws then banned the ANC. The United States and others hoped **sanctions,** or actions against a nation by other nations, would force an end to apartheid. In 1990, F.W. de Klerk, president of South Africa, lifted the ANC ban. He freed its leader, Nelson Mandela, from jail. Mandela and de Klerk planned elections for 1994. Together, all races elected Mandela president of a new democratic South Africa.

Other lands in Southern Africa also struggled for independence. For 15 years, Angola and Mozambique fought wars of independence against Portugal. After gaining independence, both countries were plagued by civil wars. From 1975 to 1992, the Cold War played a role in their struggles. Americans did not trust the socialist leaders and sided with rebels in both countries. South African troops also aided the rebels. Soviets sent Cuban troops to help Angolan leaders. In 1992, foreign troops pulled out, leaving the war-torn nations to rebuild.

THE BIG IDEA

The successful struggle against apartheid in South Africa serves as a beacon of hope to other African nations.

GRAPHIC SUMMARY: *Steps to the End of Apartheid*



As apartheid ended, South Africa began to grant rights to all its people.

1. What were two (2) effects of apartheid laws?

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2. Diagram Skills: How long was Nelson Mandela in prison? _____