After South Africa achieved self-rule in 1910, the white settlers began to limit the freedoms of the Black South Africans. After 1948, the South African government, which consisted of mostly White South Africans, created laws that allowed segregation between groups of people. This is known as "Apartheid" which means "apartness" in the Afrikaan language.

Under apartheid, all South Africans were placed into 1 of 3 racial categories: White, Colored, and Asian.

According to the white South Africans, apartheid allowed for each group to create and shape its own culture. Apartheid forced non-whites to live in horrible conditions and have limited access to jobs and other goods. Apartheid ended in 1989 and South Africa had its first free elections in 1994; Nelson Mandela, an important anti-apartheid leader, was elected as president.

For this webquest, you will research several apartheid laws and how they changed the lives of non-white South Africans. You will also read the stories from the perspective of a 15 year-old Black South African girl. In this letter you will:
1. Describe 3 apartheid laws and how they affect your life.
2. Describe your family life; you should include details, such as how many family members you have (at least 3), their names and ages, and any other important details.
3. Give yourself a name; it adds a personal touch to the letter.
4. Write with emotion. Remember: your goal is to make your pen-pal understand and sympathize with the conditions in South Africa.

In order to complete this webquest, follow these steps:
Step 1: Research apartheid laws using the links provided. Be sure to type in the correct search terms as specified for some websites (see RESOURCES section below).
Step 2: As you research the laws, fill out the research worksheet with the requested information. You will turn this in with your letter.
Step 3: Read stories from the apartheid on the link provided (see RESOURCES section below). Take notes on the research worksheet about the types of information the author included in his/her story. This will help you to determine how to organize your letter. **DO NOT copy these stories and make them your letter. THIS IS PLAGIARISM! You will receive a zero for the assignment if you do this.**
Step 4: Write your letter. Use the description in the "Task" section, as well as the rubric provided in the "Process" section of this webquest.

RESOURCES: use these links to complete your research.

**Apartheid Laws**
- Separate Amenities Act (1953)
- Natives Land Act
- Group Areas Act (1950)
- Mixed Marriages Act (1949)
- Bantu Education (1953)

**Apartheid First-hand Stories**
Use the below link to find the first-hand stories from the Apartheid
http://www3.northstar.k12.ak.us/schools/nph/twl/apart/frame.htm
Congratulations! You have successfully completed this webquest. You now know and understand the different laws that were passed during Apartheid in South Africa. You also know what life was like for the black South Africans and other people living in South Africa. As a result of your letter, your pen-pal now has a better understanding of life in South Africa.