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Anti-apartheid movement in South Africa (1948–1991)

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Before you get started

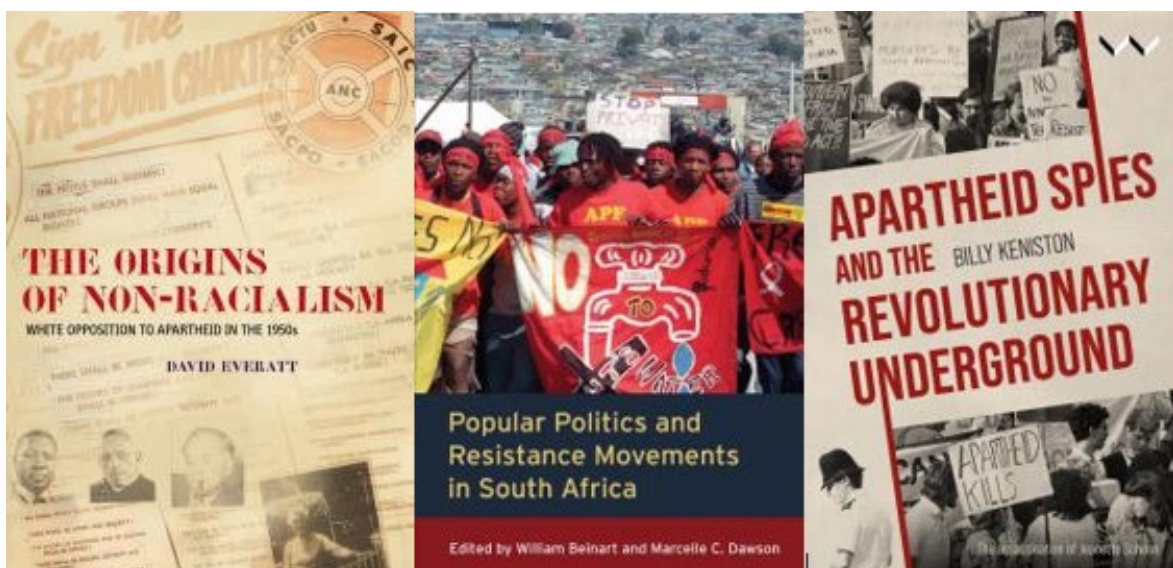
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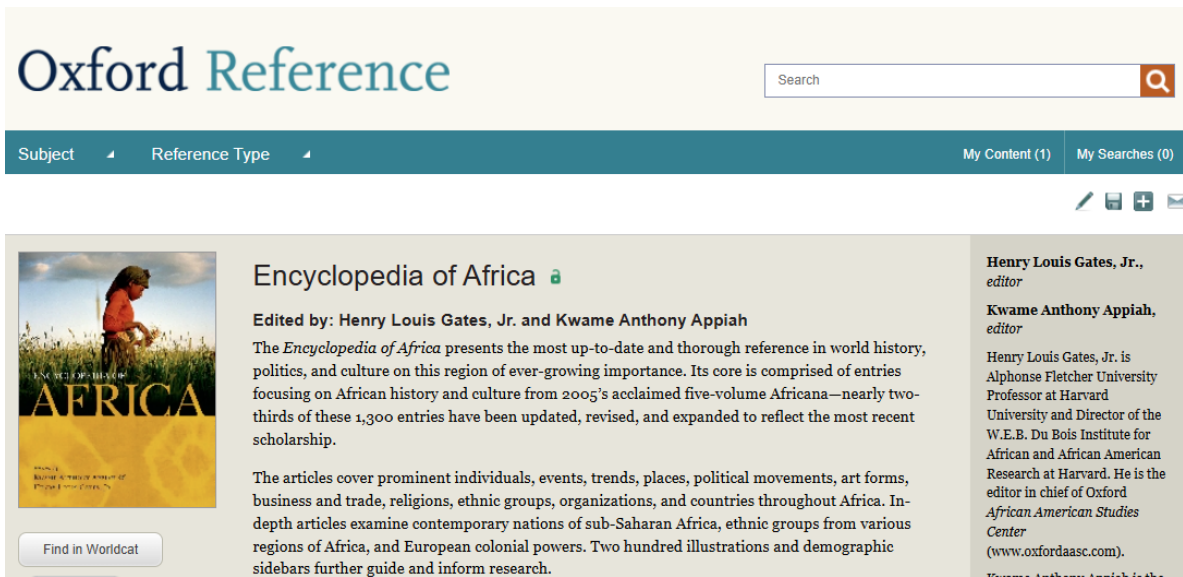
[ProQuest Ebook Central](#) provides access to eBooks on the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa.



Featured Databases

For easy reference

[Oxford Reference](#) spans 25 different subject areas, bringing together 2 million digitised entries across Oxford University Press's dictionaries, companions, and encyclopedias.



The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference website interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation tabs for 'Subject' and 'Reference Type'. Below the header, the 'Encyclopedia of Africa' is featured. It includes a cover image of a person in a field, the title 'Encyclopedia of Africa', and editors 'Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Kwame Anthony Appiah'. A brief description states that the encyclopedia presents the most up-to-date and thorough reference in world history, politics, and culture on Africa. It mentions that it is comprised of entries focusing on African history and culture from 2005's acclaimed five-volume *Africana*—nearly two-thirds of these 1,300 entries have been updated, revised, and expanded to reflect the most recent scholarship. A 'Find in Worldcat' button is visible. On the right, there's a bio for Henry Louis Gates, Jr., editor, and Kwame Anthony Appiah, editor.

The [Britannica Library](#) has articles, images and more, with a selection of resources especially for teenagers.



The screenshot shows the Britannica Library website interface. At the top, there's a search bar and a 'Teens' tab. Below the header, the word 'apartheid' is displayed in large red letters. A sidebar on the left shows a 'NAVIGATOR' with 'Introduction' selected, and buttons for 'Cite', 'Save', 'Send', 'Print', 'Translate', 'Font', and 'Open Dyslexic'. The main content area features a photograph of a 'whites only' sign. Below the photo, the text reads: 'apartheid: sign designating "whites only" beaches. Beaches were among the many public facilities segregated by race during the apartheid era in South Africa.' On the right, there's a 'Jump to article' button with a red arrow.

For engaging reading

[National Geographic Virtual Library](#) is a powerful tool for research offering access to over 100+ years of magazines and hundreds of books, maps, videos, and images.

The screenshot shows the National Geographic Virtual Library interface. At the top, there's a GALE logo and 'GALE PRESENTS National Geographic'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Search:' and a link to 'Advanced Search'. On the right, there are icons for 'Results', 'Cite', 'Print', and 'Get Link'. The main title of the article is 'The Twilight of Apartheid--Life in Black South Africa' by Charles E Cobb, Jr. and James Nachtwey. Below the title is a large image of a person in a landscape. To the left of the image is a sidebar with icons for 'Find in document', 'View options', 'Table of contents', 'Illustrated works', and 'View full'. Below the image is a caption: 'Statue-still and covered with clay, Xhosa youths break from hunting on the South African veld during a rite of passage into manhood.'

For academic and scholarly information

[ProQuest Central](#) provides easy intuitive access to an incredibly broad and comprehensive range of content. It is a valuable resource for researchers, students, and teachers at all levels.

The screenshot shows the ProQuest Central interface. At the top, there's a ProQuest logo and 'Access provided by STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'anti-apartheid in south africa AND (historical context)'. To the right of the search bar are icons for 'Results', 'Cite', 'Print', and 'Get Link'. Below the search bar is a row of filters: 'social movements', 'political resistance', 'international solidarity', 'cultural impact', and 'economic sanction'. Below this is a section for '5,171 results' with a 'Sorted by' dropdown set to 'Relevance'. To the left of the results is a sidebar with 'Limit to' options: 'Full text' (checked) and 'Peer reviewed' (unchecked). Below this is 'Source type' with a dropdown set to 'Scholarly Journals (2,473)'. The main results area shows a list of results. The first result is 'Impact of United Nations' Anti-Apartheid Regimes on South African Race Relations, 1952-1974' by Mabitsela, Seane. It is from the 'Journal of Nation-Building and Policy Studies; London Vol. 8, Iss. 1, (Apr 2024): 89-107.' The result is marked as 'Full Text'.

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The Black Consciousness Movement in South Africa

David Hirschmann

The Journal of Modern African Studies, Vol. 28, No. 1 (Mar., 1990),

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Newspapers

The Sydney Morning Herald archive contains Australian news stories from 1955 to 1995 about apartheid in South Africa that can be used as primary sources.

The Sydney Morning Herald

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ALL of these words:

Apartheid

This EXACT word or phrase:

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Found 4986 result(s) for all of these words: 'Apartheid' and exact word or phrase: 'South Africa'. Showing results 1-10

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#1. Friday, May 24, 1957 | Page: 3

South Africa Refuses Passport To Labour ...

JOHANNESBURG, May 23 (A.A.P.-Reuter). — South Africa will not be represented at the conference of Commonwealth Labour parties, which will open in Dorking, Surrey, on Monday.

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#2. Wednesday, April 16, 1958 | Page: 2

Election Odds Against The Opposition

[NewsBank](#) contains international news stories from 1980 to 1991 about the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa that can be used as primary sources.

The screenshot shows the NewsBank search interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the query "anti-apartheid" AND "south africa". Below the search bar, there are filters for "AND", "More than 500", and "Word Count". The search results are displayed in a list format. The first result is titled "Forging a new South Africa" and is dated December 28, 1991. The second result is titled "Apartheid foes map plan to oust de Klerk Cabinet - Groups aim for an interim government" and is dated October 26, 1991. On the left side, there's a sidebar with a "Sort by" dropdown menu (set to "Best Match"), a "Date selector" showing a bar chart for the years 1980 to 1991, and an "Apply" button.

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