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

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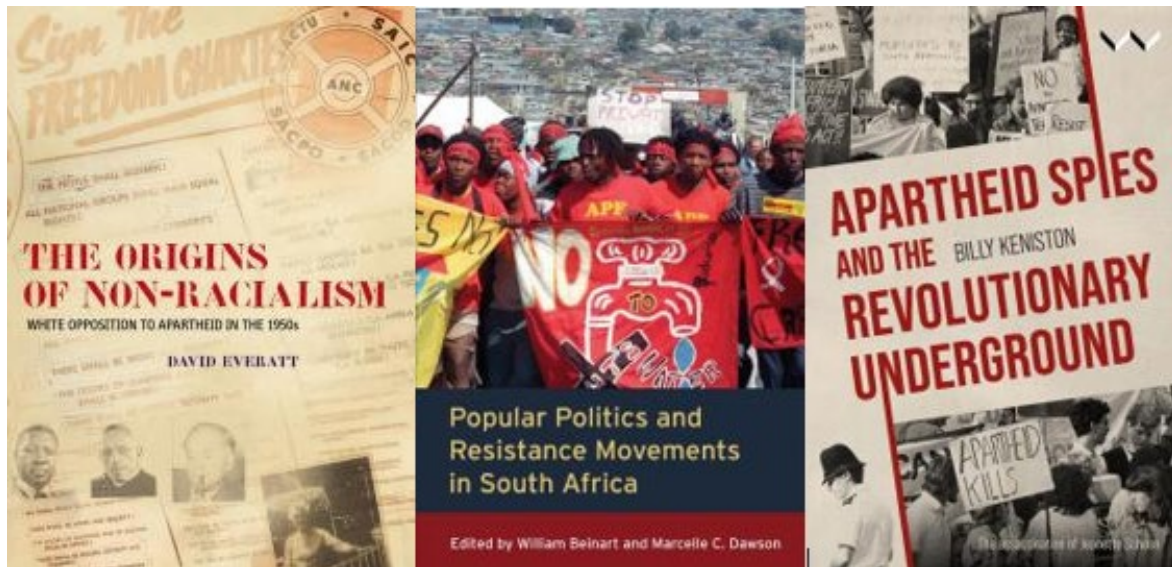
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Featured databases

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A screenshot of the Oxford Reference website. At the top is the 'Oxford Reference' logo and a search bar. Below the logo is a navigation bar with 'Subject' and 'Reference Type' dropdown menus, and 'My Content (1)' and 'My Searches (0)' links. The main content area features a featured entry for the 'Encyclopedia of Africa', edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Kwame Anthony Appiah. The entry includes a description of the encyclopedia's scope and a 'Find in Worldcat' button. To the right of the entry is a sidebar with biographical information about the editors, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Kwame Anthony Appiah.

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


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apartheid



apartheid: sign designating "whites only" beaches

Beaches were among the many public facilities segregated by race during the apartheid era in South Africa.

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The Twilight of Apartheid--Life in Black South Africa

Authors: Charles E Cobb, Jr. and James Nachtwey

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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

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The screenshot shows the ProQuest Central interface. At the top, it says "Access provided by STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND". The search bar contains the query "anti-apartheid in south africa AND (historical context)". Below the search bar, there are filters for "social movements", "political resistance", "international solidarity", "cultural impact", and "economic sanction". The results section shows "5,171 results". On the left, there are options to "Sort by" (Relevance) and "Limit to" (Full text, Peer reviewed). The main result is a journal article titled "Impact of United Nations' Anti-Apartheid Regimes on South African Race Relations, 1952-1974" by Mabitsela, Seane, from the *Journal of Nation-Building and Policy Studies*, London Vol. 8, Iss. 1, (Apr 2024): 89-107. The article snippet discusses the impact of the UN's anti-apartheid regimes on South Africa's race relations.

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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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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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Election Odds Against The Opposition

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NewsBank

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☐ Forging a new South Africa

December 28, 1991 | The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution | TUCKER, CYNTHIA | Page A/18 | Lexile: 1310, grade level(s): >12

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☐ Apartheid foes map plan to oust de Klerk Cabinet - Groups aim for an interim government

October 26, 1991 | Chicago Sun-Times | David B. Ottaway; Washington Post | Page 40 | Lexile: 1500

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