

Brief History of South Africa—"A Contested Settler Colony"

1652	The Dutch colony of Capetown is settled by the Dutch East India Company (VOC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What was the importance for the Dutch?- Who are the Boers?- Who are the Afrikaners?- How do the settlers deal with the native population?
Early 1800's	British arrive in the Capetown area during the Napoleonic Wars
1815	British annexation of the Cape colony = conflict with the Dutch develops <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are the main differences between the British and Dutch?
1835	Great Trek begins <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Who are the Voortrekkers? Where do they do?- What conflict develops with the natives (Zulu, Xhosa)?- British develop a second major outpost at Durban in the Natal region- What two Boer Republics are established by the voortrekkers?
1867	Diamonds are discovered in the Orange Free State <ul style="list-style-type: none">- increased British immigration causes conflict = the First Boer War (1880-81)
1880	Cecil Rhodes forms the DeBeers Mining Company
1885	Gold is discovered in the Transvaal <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Johannesburg founded as mining town
1890-1896	Cecil Rhodes serves as Prime Minister of the Cape Colony
1899-1902	THE BOER WAR <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ultimate British victory- Boers carry out a grueling and somewhat successful guerilla war- concentration camps set up—first set up to handle refugees and women and children- male POW's often shipped to overseas camps in Bermuda, St. Helena, Ceylon- British use "scorched earth policy" in order to crush Boer guerilla tactics
1902 on	British increase amount of indentured servants/forced labor to work mines (China/India)
1910	Cape Colony is reorganized as the Union of South Africa = an autonomous British Dominion