

Popular South African Attractions



The following questions will teach you interesting facts about South Africa's topography, economy and wildlife. Answer them and mark the locations in the outline map of South Africa above. Suggested internet address: <http://country.southafrica.net/country/us/en>

1. What South African city is well-known for its cultural diversity, golden beaches and prominent landmarks? What is the „Table Mountain“ and the „Cape Point“?

2. What mega-city is also referred to as the „financial and entertainment epicentre“ of South Africa? How did this city get so wealthy?

3. South Africa has a large variety of wildlife, therefore a lot of tourists visiting South Africa are looking forward to a sightseeing safari. Which national park is the biggest? What are the „Big Five“?

4. Which eastern coastline in South Africa is famous for its unspoiled nature and incredible views? What activities can you do there?

South Africa – The Rainbow Nation

1. Why is South Africa called the Rainbow Nation?

2. What are the 4 most important official languages in South Africa? What is the origin of Afrikaans? Why is English so important when communicating in South Africa?

Helpful internet address: <http://www.mediaclubsouthafrica.com/landstatic/80-languages>

3. What are the benefits of cultural diversity? What problems might occur in a multi-cultural society? Fill out the chart below, using your own knowledge as well as information from the following links:

<http://www.teenink.com/opinion/environment/article/465407/The-Importance-and-Benefits-of-Diversity/>

<http://www.weday.com/we-schools/columns/global-voices/segregation-and-poverty-still-a-fact-of-life-for-many-in-post-apartheid-south-africa/>

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Segregation and Apartheid in South Africa

1. South Africa's government made many mistakes in the past which made the population suffer. Listen to the song "Gimme hope, Jo'anna" and name some of these mistakes.

2. The song "Gimme hope, Jo'anna" is from the year 1988. What has happened in South Africa since then?

3. Compare the situation back then with the situation today. What has changed?

Helpful link:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/shared/spl/hi/africa/04/photo_journal/life_today/html/1.stm

4. What changes would you suggest in order to overcome the still ongoing segregation in South Africa?

5. Use the information you have gathered to write an additional verse (8 lines, no rhymes) for the song "Gimme hope, Jo'anna", describing the current situation in South Africa.
