

THE ROAD TO DEMOCRACY:

"The Rocky Road of Negotiations"

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# The Freedom Charter

We, the People of South Africa, declare for all our country and the world to know:

that South Africa belongs to all who live in it. black and white, and that no government can justly claim authority unless it is based on the will of all the people;

that our people have been rebbed of their

that our country will never be prosperous or

that only a democratic state, based on t all the people, can secure to all their birthright

Let all who love their people and their country was so we so bear quist t

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•	1990	Nelson Mandela released from prison
•	1991	Inkathagate
•	1991	CODESA begins
•	1992	Whites Only Referendum
•	1992	Boipatong Massacre
•	1993	Chris Hani Assassinated
•	1993	St. James Massacre
•	1994	AWB invades Bophuthatswana
•	1994	First Democratic Elections

#### 1990

The unbanning of political organizations and release of political prisoners



Nelson Mandela walks to freedom with Winnie Mandela by her side – February 11, 1990



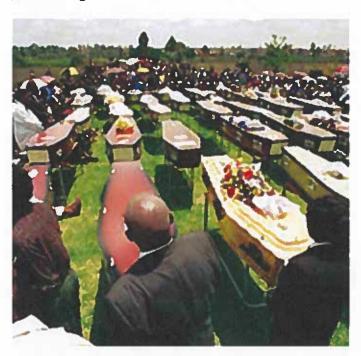
Political prisoners arrive in Cape Town after release from Robben Island, February 1990

Names of political parties that were

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#### 26 March 1990

First official 'talks about talks' delayed when police attack and kill defenceless protestors in Sebokeng.



Mourners at the mass funeral of Sebokeng massacre victims

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# 4 May 1990

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# **GROOTE SCHUUR MINUTE 4TH MAY** 1990

- •First direct public negotiations between Apartheid Government and ANC ("talks about talks")
- •Common commitment towards ending a climate of violence and intimidation as well as a commitment to stability and to a peaceful process of negotiations.
- Definition of Political Offences
- •Establishment effective channels of communication.



Nelson Mandela announces the Groote Schuur Minute at Tuynhuys, Cape Town, alongside a delegation of ANC and NP representatives, May 1990

In early August, the ANC and NP meet again and sign the Pretoria Minute whereby the ANC agrees to suspend the armed struggle and the NP to the further release of political prisoners on 1 September

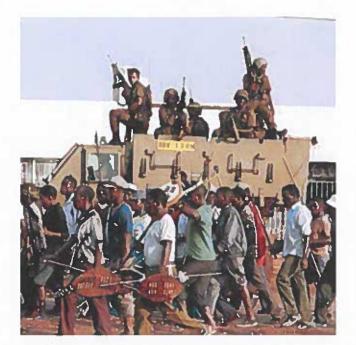
#### **PRETORIA MINUTE, AUG 6TH 1990**

- Establishment of Working Groups
- Prisoners
- Violence
- Review of Security Legislation
- Unilateral Suspension of the Armed Struggle

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#### **June 1991**

The 'Inkathagate Scandal' reveals that the government has been secretly funding the Inkatha Freedom Park (IFP) and fuelling its attacks on ANC. The ANC accuses De Klerk of having a double agenda and suspends all bilateral meetings with the government



IFP march Sebokeng under the watchful eye of SADF

Explain what Inkathagate was.

Why was the SADF supporting the IFP and supplying it with arms, as revealed in 'Inkathagate'?

Who was the leader of the IFP at the time of the low intensity war?

#### 29 November 1991

The Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA) begins, paving the way for negotiations after almost two years of preliminary talks. At the meeting which follows on 20 – 21 December delegates from 19 political parties pledge their commitment to multiparty negotiations and sign a

Declaration of Intent. The Conservative Party (CP), Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) and Azanian People's Organization (AZAPO) do not attend



SACP delegation at CODESA: Joe Slovo, Chris Hani and Raymond Mhlaba



Apartheid government and NP delegation



ANC delegation, Cyril Ramaphosa, Nelson Mandela and Jacob Zuma

negotiations. What was the reason of each party for not attending?	
	Special Veto powers for I

minority rights

### **March 1992**

In a 'whites only' referendum the majority vote in favour of negotiations and reform.



Posters for the 'Whites Only' referendum

## 15 - 16 May 1992

CODESA 2 begins. Many issues are unresolved and there is a deadlock. The ANC are intent on 'one person, one vote' while the NP proposes special veto powers for minority parties. Explain the following concepts: One Man One Vote

on the "One Man One Vote" principle, and the NP insisting on the minority rights veto?

According to you, why was the ANC insisting

Did each get their wish in the final settlement? Explain

#### 17 June 1992

IFP supporters massacre more than 40 people at Boipatong.



Mourners of the Boipatong Massacre victims, June 1992



Police pick up bodies of people murdered during the previous night in Thokoza

#### 23 June 1992

Believing that the SADF was involved in the massacre at Boipatong, the ANC break off negotiations, but De Klerk denies any involvement and refuses to commit to majority rule



Boipatong residents protesting de Klerk's visit after the massacre



War Zone



Stand-off between hostel dwelling IFP supporters and township ANC supporters

#### TRC REPORTS ON BOIPATONG

- The 17 June 1992 Boipatong massacre was allegedly launched from the KwaMadala hostel in the Vaal by a group of more than 200 men armed with knives, pangas and guns, leaving at least forty-five people dead and twenty-two injured.
- Victims included at least nine children, two babies and seventeen women, one of whom was pregnant.
- Residents were raped, hacked, stabbed, shot, beaten and disembowelled. Hundreds of homes were attacked and looted.
- Victims say they have been attacked by white men in security force uniform and black men with red and white head bands speaking Zulu and chanting Zulu slogans.

Explain the low intensity civil war that taking place during this time, and name the protagonists in this war.

#### 4 - 5 March 1993

At the Negotiations Planning Conference 26 different parties and organisations agree to a Multi-Party Negotiating Forum.

# 1 April 1993

The Multi-Party Negotiations Forum, constisting of 26 political parties including the PAC, Conservative Party (CP), the Afrikaner Volksunie (AVU) and traditional leaders, meets for the first time.

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# 10 April 1993

Chris Hani, leader of the SACP, is brutally assassinated and anger in the country threatens to derail negotiations. Mandela steps in as the de facto leader and calls for calm



Chris Hani and Peter Mokaba at a rally

Who murdered Chris Hani?

What were the reasons they put forward for the murder?

What impact did his murder have on the negotiations?

# 22 April 1993

The Tripartite Alliance meets and demands that the Transitional Executive Council (TEC)

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be installed and that all armed formations be placed under immediate joint multi-party control. The ANC also calls for the negotiations to move faster.

#### 1 June 1993

The date for South Africa's first ever non-racial elections is set for April 1994. The drafting of an Interim Constitution is initiated

### 25 June 1993

Troops of the right-wing Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB) storm the World Trade Centre where negotiations are taking place, smashing through the window with an armoured car



Members of the AWB occupy the conference floor at CODESA after disrupting the proceedings.

Who was the AWB, and what did they stand for?

Why did they invade the venue for negotiations? What did they want or didn't want?

Who was the leader of the AWB? What has since happen to him?
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25 July 1993
The Azanian People's Liberation Army (APLA opens fire on a service in St James Church i

Cape Town, wounding many and killing 11 con-

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Bodies lying on the floor after an attack by APLA at St. James Church

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## **18 November 1993**

The Interim Constitution is ratified.

#### **Dec 1993**

The Freedom Alliance, including the AWB and allies and the IFP threaten to boycott elections Why was there a threat to boycott the elections by the IFP? What was their demand?

Did they eventually get what they wanted?

## 10 March 1994

Members of the AWB invade Bophuthatswana in support of the homeland that had come under attack for refusing to take part in the elections. A Bophuthatswana constable shoots and kills three AWB men at point blank range.



AWB member begs for his life while his colleagues lie dead after being shot

Why did the AWB invade Bophuthatswana?

Who was the	leader of Bophuthatswana?
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# 19 April 1994

their incursion successful?

The IFP agrees to participate in the elections after the ANC agrees to the party's demand for more regional power being written into the Constitution

# 27 April 1994

South Africa holds its first free and fair democratic elections.



Millions of South Africans stood in long queues to vote for the first time in their lives.



Cyril Ramaphosa holds up the Constitution with Nelson Mandela looking on.

Chapter Two of the Constitution, The Bill of Rights, guarantees all our rights as citizens of the Republic.



#### **This Freedom Is Not Free**

How many have died on foreign soil How many have disappeared How many unmarked graves How many scared bodies and minds How many lives destroyed? How many on wheel chairs How many parents without children How many children without parents No, this Freedom isn't free!

Look ... the poverty in rural areas
Look ... the struggles in squatter camps
Look ... child headed families
Look ... drug addicted African child
Look ... no hope, no future, and no life

No, this Freedom isn't free!

The broken old man once a fighter, but no longer
The old lady burdened with years of tears and suffering
The parents still working like slaves, Why Africa?
The students still fighting for education, #Fees Must Fall!
The miners still fighting for a better life, Oh Marikana!
No, this Freedom still isn't free!

This booklet is developed for History learners in Grade 12, and complements the section on The Coming of Democracy in South Africa section in the curriculum. The emphasis is on key moments that either pushed forward the negotiations or derailed them.

