



**All about South Africa**

Is Wealth Inequality in South Africa still an issue of race?



Black South Africans have outnumbered Whites in the richest 10% of the population for about 7 years but the gap between South Africa's richest and poorest hasn't narrowed. The decline in racial inequality has been driven almost entirely by a surge in the top Black incomes rather than increased wealth for the poorest.

**South Africa Key Facts:**  
 Capital Cities: Cape Town, Pretoria and Bloemfontein  
 Population: Approximately 60 million people (2022)  
 Currency: South African rand  
 Official Religion: None, though about 85% of the population are Christian  
 Longitude and Latitude: 29° S, 24° E

**Racial inequality issues around the world.**

Research

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**Black Heroes Past and Present**

**Mary Seacole 1805 - 1881**

- She was a heroine of the Crimean War.
- She was a nurse who cared for British soldiers at the battlefield.
- She lived in London when she became aware of the suffering of soldiers in the Crimean War.
- She was initially rejected when she applied to join Florence Nightingale's nursing team - others who were rejected were refused due to class or race.
- She took herself to the war front at her own expense.
- Whilst there, she built the British Hotel near Balaklava in 1855 to care for injured soldiers. Here she helped to contain the cholera outbreak by distributing remedies in hospitals on the Crimean front lines.

**Matthew Henson 1866 - 1955**

- He was the first African-American Arctic explorer.
- He made 6 exploration voyages over 18 years.
- He was born into a poor family and was orphaned at a young age, so was forced to work in a café to support himself. Here, he enjoyed hearing the stories of sailors.
- Aged 12, he walked 6.5km from his home to work on a merchant boat. On this boat, he learnt to read and write.
- In 1890, he joined Robert Peary on his first Arctic expedition across the northern tip of Greenland.
- In 1909, he was part of the first team to reach the North Pole.

**Bessie Coleman 1892 - 1926**

- She was an air show pilot and the first African-American and Native American to stage a public flight.
- She was one of 13 children and had to walk four hours a day to get to school. She excelled at mathematics and reading.
- She gained a place at Langston University in Oklahoma but she had to leave as it was too expensive.
- She heard about the WWI pilots but because she was a woman and black, she was denied entry to American flight schools so she went to France to train.



**Vocabulary Tier 2**

- Human Rights
- Colony
- Life Sentence
- Hard labour
- Restrictions
- Laws
- Rights
- Demonstration
- Protest



**Vocabulary Tier 3**

- Racial Prejudice
- Apartheid
- White Supremacy
- Segregation