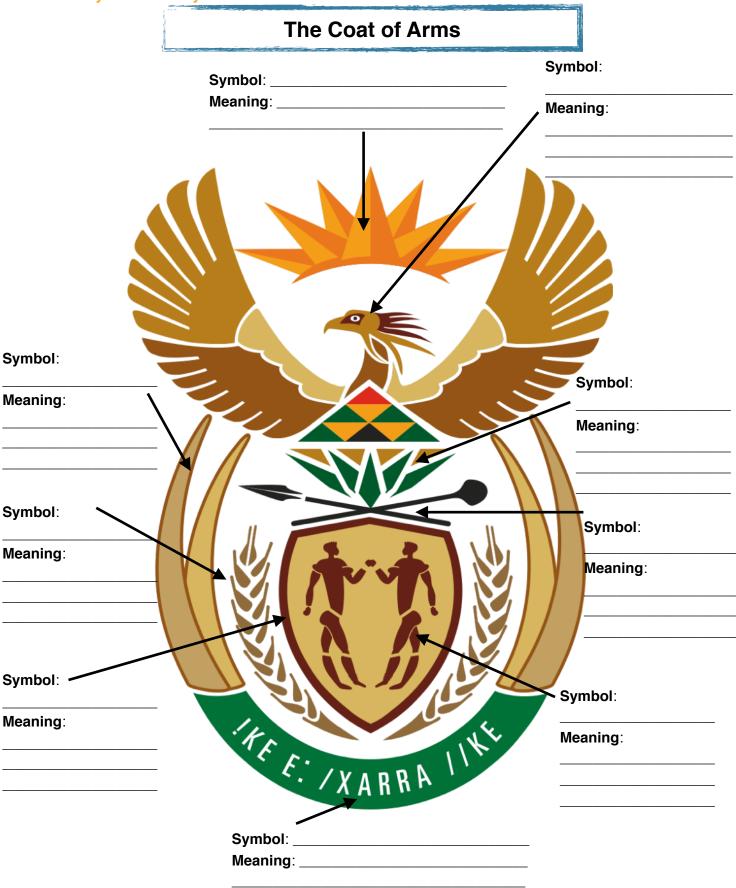
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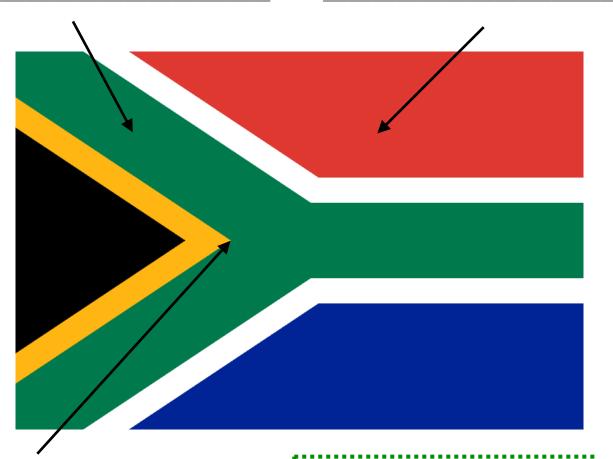


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The National Flag

South Africa's national flag was adopted on Freedom Day, 27 April 1994. It was first flown on 10 May 1994, when Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as the new President of South Africa.

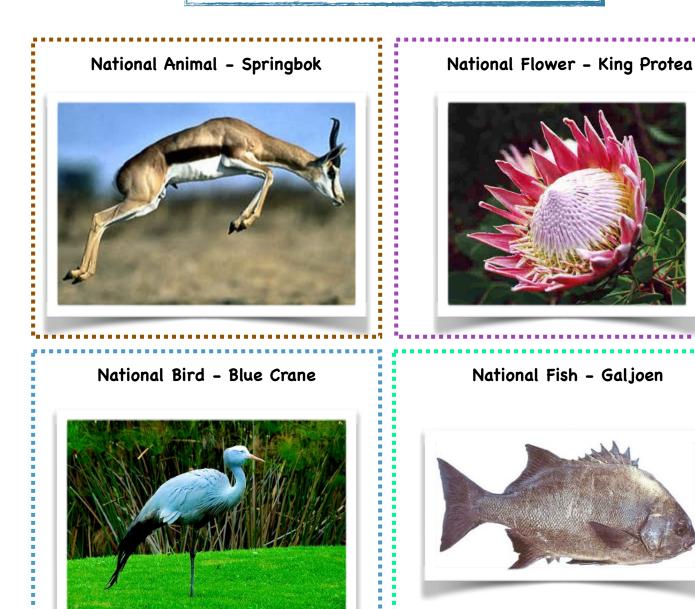
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V flowing into single horizontal band Meaning:

Abstract level:

The colours of the flag remind us of South Africa's natural beauty (blue and green – oceans and nature), agreeable climate (red and yellow – sun) and people (black and white)



National Tree - Yellowwood



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Section F: Complete the Coat of Arms

Symbol: Rising sun Meaning: Source of light and symbol of rebirth and life. **Symbol**: Secretary bird **Meaning**: Growth and speed. Hunter of snakes therefore symbolises protection of the nation from its enemies.

Symbol: Elephant tusks Meaning: Symbolises wisdom, strength and eternity.

Symbol: Ears of wheat Meaning: Symbolises fertility and nourishment.

Symbol: Shield Meaning: Symbolises identity and spiritual defence. Symbol: Protea Meaning: Symbolises beauty of our land and flowering potential of a nation.

Symbol: Spear and knobkierie Meaning: Symbolises defence and authority. Lying down is symbol of peace.

Symbol: Rock art Khoisan figures Meaning: Greeting, which symbolises unity.

Symbol: Motto Meaning: Khoisan language and means 'diverse people unite'.

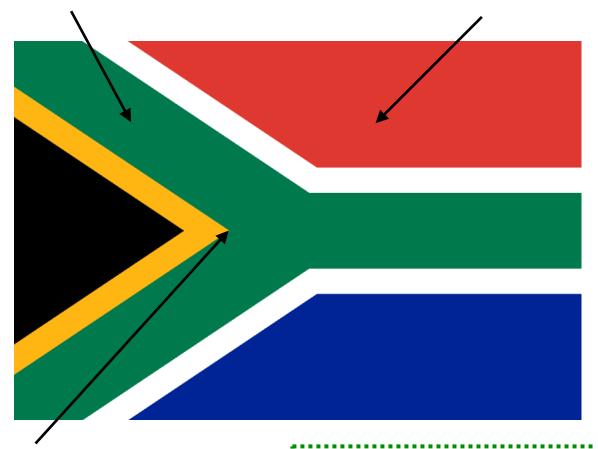
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Black, yellow and green Meaning: Colours of the ANC, the ruling party at the time.

Red, white and blue Meaning:

A reminder of our ancestors, Dutch, European and old Boer republics.



V flowing into single horizontal band Meaning:

The getting together of diverse elements in the South African society, working towards unity.

Abstract level:

The colours of the flag remind us of South Africa's natural beauty (blue and green – oceans and nature), agreeable climate (red and yellow – sun) and people (black and white)