

Desmond Tutu and Apartheid in South Africa

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Desmond Tutu was a heroic figure who helped to end apartheid throughout South Africa. Desmond Tutu revolutionized the South African Church after becoming the first black Archbishop of Cape Town (Biography.com Editors). Tutu helped to reform South Africa by destroying apartheid after forcing a global reaction and condemnation of apartheid; forcing many economic sanctions (Biography.com Editors). It is because of Desmond Tutu that South African apartheid is abolished.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement was a massive movement throughout all of South Africa with many deaths and difficulties. It was in this movement that many historical figures arose to fight apartheid; one of which being Desmond Tutu, an African priest who stood up against apartheid even if it would cost him everything (Biography.com Editors). Desmond Tutu in my eyes fully represents the Anti-Apartheid Movement (Biography.com Editors). This is one of the main reasons I chose him. Another reason being Desmond Tutu also fit perfectly this year's National History Day theme, in that he caused a revolution against apartheid, helped to cause a global reaction and condemnation against apartheid, and helped to reform South African churches, laws, police force, and government because of his fight against apartheid (Biography.com Editors).

Desmond Tutu led South Africa both politically and religiously. This is one of the many things I realized while conducting my research. This served very useful to me as I realized that by scouring sites that talked about his religious and political aspects of his life, then I would get two perspectives of Tutu and his work. Since Tutu has ties to apartheid I looked for websites that covered apartheid and then looked for specific people from those sites until I found Tutu. I specifically looked for Desmond Tutu's work, such as his books or prayers to hopefully find a primary source. Then I found in the library Tutu's two most notable books, *No Future Without*

Forgiveness, and *God is Not a Christian*. These two sources are great autobiographies from Tutu, as they help to show what life was like under the tyranny of apartheid, and how he was able to look to God in a time of suffering and oppression.

Creating a website centered around Desmond Tutu was difficult as there are so many wonderful things about Tutu. I first used my background, NHD theme, impact, influence, and importance from my key points document and research paper, as they were in my own words and it helps me to work smarter not harder. Then I looked for images of Tutu that best described his life, such as him winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, or his work with Nelson Mandela. (Biography.com Editors). Then afterwards I used my sources to find both his political and religious impact on South Africa, and how he helped to end apartheid and his life afterward.