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THE YOUTH TAKE CHARGE

"Young people are capable, when aroused, of bringing down the towers of oppression and raising the banners of freedom."

Nelson Mandela



In June 1976, Soweto students protested against being forced to learn half their subjects in Afrikaans.

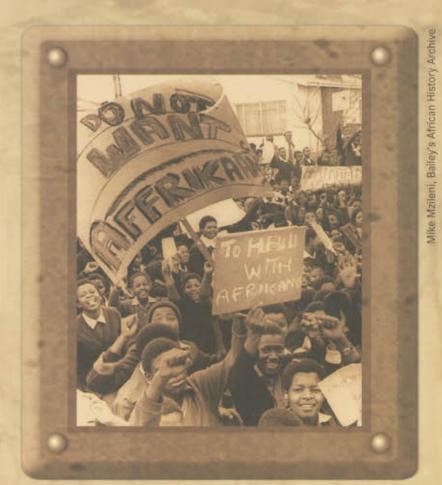
The Soweto Uprising marked the beginning of the end of apartheid.



Steve Biko and his philosophy of black consciousness inspired the youth of Soweto to take action. Biko was murdered in detention in 1977.



The successful liberation movements in Mozambique and Angola influenced South African youth to fight for their own freedom. Here Samora Machel addresses the people of Mozambique.



Students marching in Soweto on 16 June 1976. This initial protest spread rapidly throughout the country and attracted international attention.

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