



my family
 My family is a big family is my mother
 father; my sister; my brother and my younger
 brother. I like my family because
 my family go to church every day
 and my father does not like to
 go to church because he don't have a
 time to go to church because he is a taxi
 driver. Another thing I like my
 mother because she cook for us everyday
 and she wash a washing for us and
 when we are going to open school she
 clean for us -
 nothing that I don't like
 in my family. They always do
 write things.

Palesa Lebuso
 age: 12

JANUARY 1991

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Seaton, Nkosi sat 5. (12 yrs)

South Africa today

Today I'm going to talk about (South Africa today)
 South Africa is in Africa. In South Africa we have
 many different people like white, black.

Here in South Africa we were suffering for one
 thing freedom, white (boer) were killing us, killing us for
 telling truth. Our parents were suffering for school, food
 and cloth and in South Africa I don't like bantu
 education because bantu education don't give's
 us good explaining. I think South Africa is changing.
 It is really changing and we now can see our
 leaders. Bantu education is now going to be eliminated
 but in our school, our teacher don't teach us to
 understand they just give us home work and go
 to drink tea. Our leaders are being ^{released} and
 I think at school we are going to have more
 classroom because in my class we are 18

I think South Africa today is going to be good
 because I see some changes of South Africa
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FEBRUARY 1991

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What are rights

Our walls are cracked
 And our roofs are leaking
 Our parents work late
 When rights are all we are seeking

Our schools are shattered
 and our houses are being destroyed
 We don't have a place to live
 Our sisters and brothers have been killed
 Our brothers are unemployed

What are rights?
 Do we have any?
 What can we do
 If we don't have a penny?

MPHO MANETSI 15 years

MARCH 1991

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CHALK DOWN

This is the deeds of apartheid in South Africa. I keep asking myself why the whites don't strike the answer is obvious. Then the native teacher termed as black teachers are on strike. They termed it chalk down which in other words they won't teach and you know the consequences of that. DET don't want to increase their salaries.

Teachers are on strike because their earning nuts but ^{they} are working like slaves. At the other side their straining the students. Just look think about 1989 results who did it strike the parents.

Then let us look at the standard nine down words do you think that they will be matured for Matric.

I am very worried about the situation in Soweto Schools. When teachers are on strike the students start thinking of Satanic ideas. They won't study they will only open their books in front of a teacher only. So I think DET must pay attention to what the teachers are crying for. Firstly as the bible said, ~~that~~ ask and you will be given but the DET ignored the pleading of teachers. What should the teachers do to make themselves heard by the department of Empty Tins.

APRIL 1991

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By E. More
17 yrs

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YOUTH WORKING IN THE COAL YARD
SEIKONYI FRANS MOLETE



Glennoso Tuvu Kuvona
 17 yrs
 02 Youth delinquency

At our schools we have no toilets, our classrooms have no windows, ceilings and even doors. On Mondays when we come to school we find waste product on top of our desks. Our classrooms are dirty we have no brooms for sweeping. Sometimes the week end without having water. So we can't scrub the floor.

There are many gangsters at school. When the teacher came to class, they told the teacher to go outside because they are tired. They told him/her to come tomorrow. They come to school with stolen cars and hurt them after hurting them they burn those cars in the school yard. From then they go to the tennis court and play dices. Many gangsters usually come with their friends at school and take the girls away from school and rape them.

I think the best thing to stop all this nonsense is to form an organization and take some actions.

MAY 1991

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English The open school
 name: Abby Makhlesi 18 YRS
 Topic: The changing role of women.

Men and women are different because a woman can give birth and a man can't. Women are basically meant to be house wives and look after their children while men sweat at their jobs. Men are basically meant to work and support their wives and children.

Men and women differ physically but mentally they do not. These days you find that women are working with their men. They look for someone who will look after their children when they are at work. You often find women doing jobs which were previously only done by men. The reason for both the men and women having to work is because of the high cost of living.

With inflation getting higher most men can't afford to support a home alone. His wife must help him so that they can provide more for their future and for the future of their children.

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"HOME SWEET HOME"

ELIZABETH N. MOTHLA
19 yrs

We have housing problems. Many people here in South Africa do not have places to sleep or homes. That is why one often finds twenty people living in a two roomed house. Some live in shacks, and when it rains they collapse.

There is a place right in Soweto called Mshenguville. That place is very unsafe, because they built the shacks on a low ground near water. When it rained, some shacks collapsed. Many children died playing in that dirty water. They did not even have toilets. They were then given a safe place on Orange Farm because Mshenguville was unsafe.

Many of our parents do not have their own houses. There are many construction companies that are building houses. It is not always possible to buy them because they are very expensive. Our parents do not have enough money to buy them, because they earn peanuts.

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Street children

They are here, in Hillbrow
 Street children
 Poor and no homes to go
 to. IF it is food they need
 They go to shops

Wait and wait until people
 leave something for them
 IF it is ~~food~~ money, they
 shine people's shoes

They sleep in dust bin
 in pipes and every where
 They steal people things
 because they are poor
 Jan Mantlane 22yrs

AUGUST 1991

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Future South Africa

The future of S.A depends on the reshaping of the system, and demolishing the laws of racism. Job reservation must be uplifted to improve the standard of income to the country. Natural resources must be exposed to balance the economy of the country.

Nationalisation must be put into process to distribute wealth equally. People should work together to build and preserve the future of our land. Technology in schools is one of the vital things which must be emphasized in all standard from early stage to tertiary institutions.

by Joshua
DIALE
18 YEARS

SEPTEMBER 1991

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Pollution

Pollution 'some times is good other times is not good, is "BAD".'

WHY I say Pollution is good - Sometimes you will have find the dog taking out the waste the it (dog) is going to fertilized the land with that waste products, and if you plant the vegetables your vegetables is going to be big and fresh.

Why I say Pollution is bad - eg. Air Pollution, and sometimes you will have that the person is splitting the sputum "Sekqohlolo" at the ground and that sputum is going to change to the soil then there comes the dust and the person pass at that place busy talking then that dust goes through to his/her nostrills goes to the lungs then TB starts there with Pollution of Land.

NOVEMBER 1991

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Goodness Masingana

AGE: 15 years

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