

## Our nation and culture

South Africa is a nation of many different cultures. We were divided by apartheid but now are building a united nation. A nation is made up of all the people who live in a country. South Africa is made up of many people who have different histories, religions and races and who speak different languages. What an interesting country this is!

People with different histories are people with different cultural heritages. We learn many habits and values from our culture. These are our heritage - we have learnt them from our families and communities and one day our children will learn them from us. With all these differences, it is important that we remember to keep building our nation so that we can all live together in peace and be proud of our special country.

### Match the words to their meaning

Words	Meanings
1. Nation	a. What you have learnt from your family and community, and your children will one day learn from you.
2. Nation building	b. Your beliefs, religion and language.
3. Culture	c. The whole country and the people who live in it.
4. Cultural heritage	d. Helping to make everyone feel proud of their country.

### How our culture unifies our nation

When the people in a country come together to remember a special time, it helps build togetherness of a nation. Many special days are public holidays like Human Rights Day and Freedom Day. This means that many businesses and schools close for that day so people can celebrate and be together with their family and friends.

On 18 July, Mandela Day, South Africans celebrate Tata Mandela's birthday. Nelson Mandela spent 67 years helping his country. We remember this and spend at least 67 minutes doing something special for someone else.



**TASK:** Make a collage showing the beautiful Heritage of South Africa.

Use pictures and words from magazines. Your collage must include as many facets of South Africa's Heritage as possible eg. landscapes, people, food, books, customs, traditions monuments etc. Have fun!