**1652**

After the Dutch-Portuguese War, the Dutch establish a colony in South Africa

**1806**

The British begin establishing colonies in South Africa. Native Dutch settlers, known as Boers or Afrikaners, are upset with British control and begin establishing their own settlements.

**1867**

Diamonds are discovered in the Boer territories and made conflict between the Boers and the British inevitable.

**1880 to 1902**

Two wars are fought between the British and the Boers over the discovery of gold and diamonds in the region. Victory in the Second Boer War will leave the British as the colonial power in the region of South Africa.

**1910**

The British unite their colonies to create the Union of South Africa and made it a part of the British Commonwealth. Political power in the region was reserved for Europeans only.

**1934**

South Africa is granted its complete independence from the British Empire.