

Amnesty

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Outline

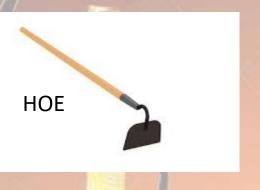
- Setting: farm or township in South Africa.
- Point of view: First person, Female narrator
- Plot Diagram
 - Exposition: Introducing the Narrator, the narrator's lover, the daughter, the father and mother of both the narrator and lover.
 - Rising Action: When the lover moves away and only visits one weekend of every month then the narrator finds out that he has joined the union and ends up going jail and having to be on trail. Also finding out she is pregnant and her lover naming the child, Inkululeko and being sentenced to prison for 6 years
 - Climax: lover comes back from being in jail after 5 years and his daughter not recognizing him from the picture she has grown up with because he has changed so much. Then the narrator also feeling distance from him and his thoughts.
 - Falling Action: The lover goes away again and she finds out she is pregnant with his second child, but he has still not married her and has no intention of marrying her.
 - Resolution: When she is hoping he will come back home and will be his old self again

Historical context

Inkululeko

- European exploration of the African coast began in the 13th century when Portugal committed itself to discover an alternative route to the silk road that would lead to China.
- In the 14th and 15th century, Portuguese explorers traveled down the west African Coast, detailing and mapping the coastline and in 1488 they rounded the cape of Good hope.
- The Dutch East India Company established a trading post in Cape Town European workers who
 settled at the Cape became known as the Free Burghers and gradually established farms in the
 Dutch Cape Colony.
- Following the defeat of the Boers in the Anglo-Boer or South African War (1899–1902), the Union
 of South Africa was created as a self-governing dominion of the British Empire
- From 1948–1994, South African politics was dominated by Afrikaner nationalism. Racial segregation and white minority rule known officially as apartheid, an Afrikaans word meaning "separateness", was implemented in 1948.
- In 27 April 1994, after decades of armed struggle, terrorism and international opposition to apartheid, the African National Congress (ANC) achieved victory in the country's first democratic election.
- Since then, the African National Congress has governed South Africa, in an alliance with the South African Communist Party and the Congress of South African Trade Unions.
- Amnesty International (also referred to as Amnesty or AI) is a non governmental organisation
 with its headquarters in the United Kingdom focused on human rights. The stated mission of the
 organization is to campaign for "a world in which every person enjoys all of the human rights
 enshrined in the Universal declaration of Human rights and other international human rights
 instruments."
- Amnesty: an official pardon for people who have been convicted of political offences.

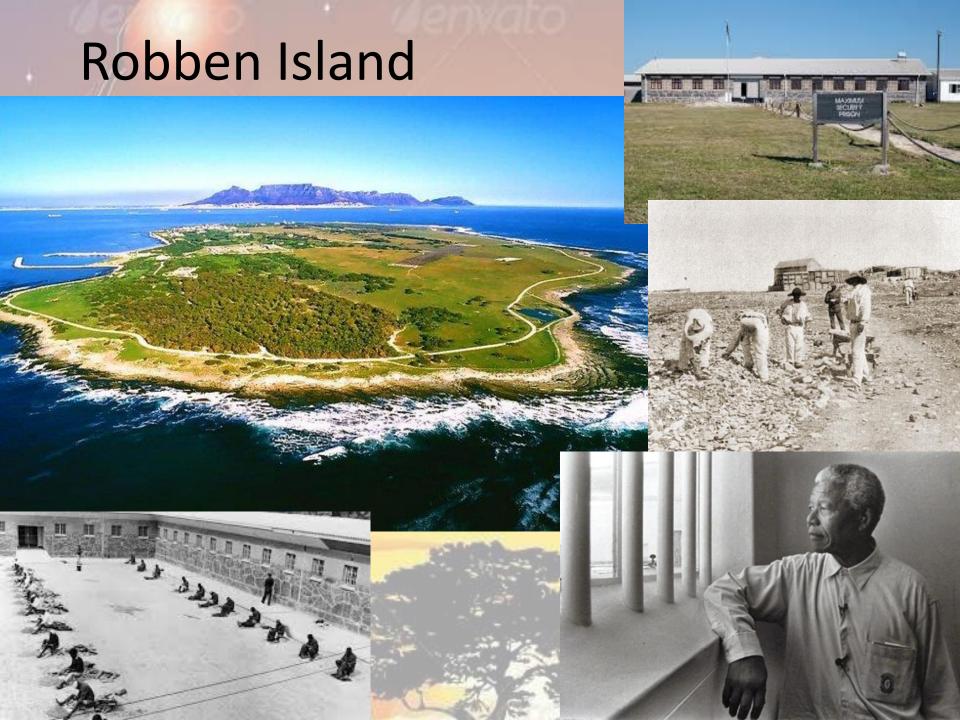
Difficult words











Theme

- Racial Discrimination
- Human rights
- Rural life and culture
- Change
- Choice
- Personal/ National
- Waiting

Symbols and other devices

- Motives/Symbols
 - Ocean
 - Sky/Clouds
 - Veld
- Devices
 - Hyperbole
 - Simile

About the Author

Nadine Gordimer 20 November 1923 – 13 July 2014)



- was a South African writer Political activist
- Jewish, British
- Recipient of the 1991 Nobel Prize for literature
- One of Africa's most widely respected authors
- Born in 1923 in Springs, South Africa
- Been publishing since 1953
- joined the African National Congress when it was still listed as an illegal organization by the South African government
- was close friends with Nelson Mandela's defence attorneys (Bram Fischer and George Bizos) during his 1962 trial. She also helped Mandela edit his famous speech "I Am Prepared to Die", given from the defendant's dock at the trial. When Mandela was released from prison in 1990, she was one of the first people he wanted to see.
- South African government banned several of her works -The Late Bourgeois World (7)
- World of Strangers (12)

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