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Apartheid was a South African system of segregation based on race and skin color. Apartheid made it illegal for white and black people to live or work together. Although the majority of the South African population was black, according to Apartheid, the white minority were in charge of the country and its laws.

Apartheid began when a political party called the National Party won an election in 1948. They declared that whites and blacks could only go into certain areas. Apartheid was unpopular with the majority of South African people, but those who protested were denounced as communists and sent to prison.

Apartheid dictated where blacks could live, travel, and vote. It made it illegal for white and black people to marry each other. It also drove many black and Asian people out of their homes and forced them to live in specified areas referred to as "homelands." White and black students were segregated in schools. Anyone who resisted apartheid was arrested and punished or sent to prison.

REFLECTION: If Apartheid was so unpopular with so many people, why do you think that the National Party was able to institute it?
