

THE MFECANE IN SOUTH AFRICA

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- Background
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Background

- Definition
- The states involved
- The leaders
- The period

Causes of the Mfecane

- ❑ Population Pressure
- ❑ Land Crisis
- ❑ Rise of new Leaders
- ❑ Dingiswayo's meeting with Cowen
- ❑ The desire to expand new states
- ❑ Shaka's Military reforms
- ❑ Shaka's attempt to control Delgoa Bay
- ❑ The death of Shaka's mother

Continuation

- ❑ The Establishment of Age regiments
- ❑ The constant raids
- ❑ The outbreak of drought
- ❑ The introduction of big shield
- ❑ The introduction of a short stabbing spear
- ❑ The introduction of new fighting tactics
- ❑ The rigorous military training
- ❑ The ambition of Shaka

Continuation

- The coming of the Europeans
- The rise of defensive states
- The formation of women regiments
- The desire to control trade

Effects of the Mfecane

- ❑ Loss of lives
- ❑ Loss of property
- ❑ Loss of cattle
- ❑ Loss of independence
- ❑ Loss of political status
- ❑ Loss of dignity
- ❑ Loss of hope
- ❑ Loss of culture

Continuation

- ❑ Outbreak of famine
- ❑ Depopulation
- ❑ Displacement
- ❑ Suffering and misery
- ❑ Collapse of some states
- ❑ Created vacant land in the interior
- ❑ Rise of new powerful states

Continuation

- ❑ Led to the creation of defensive states
- ❑ Led to the introduction of new military skills
- ❑ Led to the introduction of new weapons
- ❑ Spread of violence
- ❑ Rise of powerful leaders
- ❑ Growth of Nationalism
- ❑ Motivated the Great trek
- ❑ Decline in Trade

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