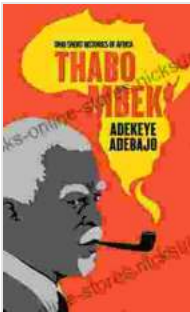


# Thabo Mbeki: A Short History of Africa

Thabo Mbeki is a South African politician who served as President of South Africa from 1999 to 2008. He is a leading figure in the African National Congress (ANC) and played a key role in the negotiations that led to the end of apartheid in South Africa.



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Mbeki was born in Mbewuleni, Transkei, South Africa, on 18 June 1942. His father, Govan Mbeki, was a prominent anti-apartheid activist and a member of the ANC. His mother, Epainette Mbeki, was a teacher.

Mbeki attended Fort Hare University, where he studied economics and politics. He became involved in politics at a young age and was elected president of the Student Representative Council.

In 1960, Mbeki joined the ANC and went into exile. He lived in several countries, including Botswana, Zambia, and the United Kingdom. He

continued to work for the ANC and became a member of the ANC's National Executive Committee.

In 1990, Mbeki returned to South Africa after the ANC was unbanned. He was elected deputy president of the ANC and played a key role in the negotiations that led to the end of apartheid.

In 1994, Mbeki was elected to the National Assembly and became deputy president of South Africa. He succeeded Nelson Mandela as President of South Africa in 1999.

As President, Mbeki focused on economic development and poverty reduction. He also played a leading role in the African Union and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

Mbeki's presidency was also marked by controversy. He was criticized for his handling of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and for his support of Robert Mugabe, the President of Zimbabwe.

Mbeki resigned as President in 2008 after he was recalled by the ANC. He has since retired from politics and lives in Johannesburg.

## **Legacy**

Thabo Mbeki is a controversial figure, but he is also a significant figure in the history of South Africa and Africa. He played a key role in the end of apartheid and in the development of South Africa's economy. He is also a respected figure in the international community.

Mbeki's legacy is likely to be debated for many years to come. However, there is no doubt that he is one of the most important figures in the history

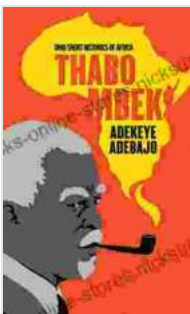
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## Further Reading

- Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory
- South African History Online
- Encyclopædia Britannica

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