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The Struggle Against Apartheid

Apartheid was a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994. Under apartheid, black South Africans were denied basic human rights, including the right to vote. Despite these obstacles, black South Africans never gave up their fight for freedom. They organized protests, boycotts, and strikes. They also formed political parties and demanded the right to vote.

In 1990, the apartheid government finally agreed to negotiate with the African National Congress (ANC) and other anti-apartheid groups. These negotiations led to the release of political prisoners, the legalization of political parties, and the repeal of apartheid laws. In 1994, South Africa held its first democratic elections. These elections were a watershed moment in the country's history. They marked the end of apartheid and the beginning of a new era for South Africa.

#### The Post-Apartheid Era

The post-apartheid era has been a time of both progress and challenges. South Africa has made great strides in building a democratic society. However, the country still faces many challenges, including poverty, inequality, and crime. Despite these challenges, South African voters have remained committed to democracy. They have continued to participate in elections and to hold their leaders accountable.

In 2019, South Africa held its sixth democratic elections. These elections were a major victory for the ANC. The ANC won 57% of the vote, and its leader, Cyril Ramaphosa, was elected president. The elections were also a victory for democracy. They showed that South Africa's democracy is strong and that South African voters are committed to making it work.

#### The New Grandmasters of Democracy

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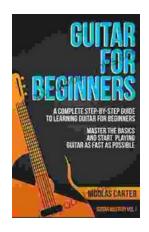


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