

Question 3 (6 marks)

Name ONE theory of social change ...Early... Evolutionary... Theory

With reference to a country you have studied, evaluate how your chosen theory of social change helps you to understand ONE feature of continuity and ONE feature of change within that country.

This theory states that a society changes in a unilinear pattern from simple to complex. It applies to the country, South Africa, as the black South Africans lived life very simply in the start, and began to gradually become more complex. This was mainly caused by the settlement of the English and the Dutch who forced the blacks to change their ways of life just to survive. One feature of change is the way that the blacks came to live a more complex way of life like that of the Dutch, yet there was a continuity of the blacks being treated unequally because of the white South African's superior weapons and power over the blacks. The major change in South Africa was the fall of apartheid where the blacks gained equal access yet they continue to live in poverty conditions because the white do not trust them.