

## **WHITE SETTLERS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

- The Dutch/ Boers were the first European settlers to settle in Cape colony.
- They came from Netherlands/ Holland.
- The word “Boers” means farmers in Dutch.
- They were led by Jan Van Riebeeck.

## **WHY THE DUTCH SETTLED IN CAPE COLONY**

- Presence of fertile soils.
- Presence of cool climate.
- *NB. The arrival of the British at Cape colony led to Great trek.*

## **GREAT TREK**

- Meaning of the Great Trek
- Great Trek was the massive movement of the Boers from Cape Colony to the interior of South Africa.
- Great Trek was the Northward movement of the Dutch (Boers) from Cape colony.

### **CAUSES OF GREAT TREK.**

- Introduction of English as an official language
- Abolition of slave trade
- Introduction of British currency.
- Introduction of new laws i.e.
  - ✓ Payment of rental fees
  - ✓ Compensation of freed slaves
- Over taxation by the British over the Boers.
- The Boers wanted to protect their independence.
- The Boers wanted to preserve their culture.
- The Boers were looking for fertile soil for crop growing.

- They wanted to set up their own administration in the interior.

They were running away from over population in Cape colony

### **EFFECTS OF GREAT TREK**

- It led to formation of new states Trans-Vaal and Orange Free State.
- It led to discovery of minerals like Gold at Witwatersrand and Diamond at Kimberly.
- It led to introduction of new culture.
- It led to inter- tribal wars between Africans and the Dutch
- Africans lost their land
- It led to displacement of Africans
- It expanded areas of white settlement in South Africa.
- led to development of Afrikaan.( Language)

Problems faced by the boars during great trek

- They suffered from fatigue.
- Attacks from tropical diseases.
- Attacks from hostile tribes.
- Harsh climatic conditions.
- Shortage of food and water.
- Death from battles.
- Difficulty in crossing physical features.
- Poor communication network.
- Poor transport network.
- Attacks from fierce wild animals.

### **Activity**

1. What was Great Trek?
2. Write any two causes of Great Trek.
3. Mention any two states that were6. Give any two reasons why the Dutch chose to settle in Cape Colony.
4. How did Great Trek negatively affect South Africans?
5. Mention any two minerals discovered in South Africa.
6. Give any two reasons why the Dutch chose to settle in Cape Colony.