

Study Source 2 in the Sources Booklet before you answer this question.

- (b) How much weight do you give to the evidence of Source 2 for an enquiry into the reasons for the establishment of the homelands as part of the National Party's implementation of apartheid?

Explain your answer using the source, the information given about it and your own knowledge of the historical context.

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In Source 2 there is a significant weight towards the enquiry into the reasons for the establishment of the homelands policy as part of the new apartheid law, it suggests that Verwoerd wanted 'separate residential areas' as he believed that this way races would be able to self-govern and to set up their own community based on their beliefs. I know from my wider reading this was true as Verwoerd had come up with the idea of segregating South Africa depending on your race.

'Future of each race can be protected and made secure' again this gives weight toward the enquiry about homelands being part of the apartheid policy as due to acts such as Group Areas Act many non-whites were moved to separate areas for their race to be preserved and safe. Source 2 also is valuable and provides significant weight due to the suggestion that Verwoerd was part of the National Party, and so he would make



the implementation of apartheid and the homelands seem as a good idea for them to be able to become a 'self-sufficient unit' with the ability to raise their own revenue and ~~invested~~ invest it back into development and growth. The fact that Source 2 outlines it was 'not an effort to exploit differences between the races' is also ^{providing} ~~a signi~~ significant weight ~~also~~ towards the enquiry as the apartheid would seem as a helpful policy towards black and their own customs and believes.

The source is a speech by Hendrik Verwoerd who came up with the idea of ~~a~~ apartheid therefore the enquiry would have more weight and is more reliable due to the fact that in 1948 the National Party was prepared to win and enforce apartheid to 'protect and secure' other races; due to my wider reading I know that this was the main reasons why the government was able to implement the homeland policy along with apartheid as it looked like a developing and ~~planned~~ planned idea with the aim of ~~to~~ helping other races.



However there are limitations to the Source as to the enquiry of the reasons for the implementation of the homelands. The Source fails to mention that the National Party promised to invest in the white education, life style and healthcare along with offering the best jobs and houses in South Africa, this was an undeniable offer which appealed to many white South Africans ~~that~~ that didn't have jobs, ~~the~~ Due to these promises that the Source fails to mention the National Party was able to come to victory and therefore implement apartheid and the homelands policy.

Source 2 also fails to mention the whites were the only race allowed to vote in those elections therefore they decided upon the future of black and the apartheid policy. I know from my wider reading that the ^{reasons for the} homelands policy ~~was not~~ to be established was not just the idea of 'Self-government and safety' because in the future the government didn't invest in homelands and cause overpopulation as 80% of blacks were forced to live in 14% of the land, again by failing to mention this, the weight of the Source became partially



Significant towards the enquiry.

Finally Source 2 limits to suggests how the Bantu and homelands caused poverty to increase along with death rates such as infant mortality to 50,000 children every year, therefore the idea of a 'Safe' environment for blacks was not the reason for the homelands to be built and established. The white supremacy and the luxury life promised were the main reasons.

Overall I believe the Source has a partial weight into the enquiry toward the reason of the homelands being established as part of the National Party's implementation of apartheid because it suggest that the homelands were aimed to 'preserve' and allow townships to 'accomplish its national developments' therefore people voted for their implementation, but at the same time I know from my wider reading that the whites were the only race allowed to vote and the limitations to mention that the National Party also promised an endurable life to whites had a very significant impact on the reasons why



the homeland were implemented after all

(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 25 MARKS



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