

Summary: Nations Work Together

Governments Team Up

Nations around the world work together for many reasons. The United States sends ambassadors to other countries. Other countries send their ambassadors here.

Nations work together for many reasons. The United States works with Mexico and Canada to make trade easier. Nations around the world work together to make travel safe.

The United Nations is a team of leaders from most of the nations in the world. Its main job is to help countries live in peace. It helps nations make treaties with one another. Some treaties end wars and lead to peace.

Freedom in South Africa

The United Nations works to protect human rights around the world. It helped people in South Africa. South Africa is located at the southern tip of Africa. Black South Africans were denied their rights. They were not allowed to vote. They were not free to live or work where they wanted.

Many people across the world helped black South Africans gain their rights. Nelson Mandela worked for rights for black Africans. Finally, in 1994, black South Africans won their right to vote.

Today, leaders from the United States and South Africa work together. Scientists share their research. Doctors look for ways to keep people healthy. Teachers in both countries help their students learn about life in other parts of the world.



Before You Read

Find and underline each vocabulary word.

ambassador *noun*, a person who represents his or her government in another country

treaty *noun*, an agreement made between nations



After You Read

REVIEW Why do countries send ambassadors to other countries? What kinds of things do nations work on together? Draw boxes around the sentences that tell the answer.

REVIEW What did South Africans do to gain equal rights? Underline two sentences that tell the answer.