Summary

The book I read for my continent book report is *Waiting for the Rain* by Sheila Gordon. This book was about a boy named Frikkie and a boy named Tengo. Frikkie is a white boy and his uncle owns a farm. Tengo is a black boy who works for Frikkie’s uncle on the farm. Frikkie come to visit his Uncle’s farm every break for school so he can see Tengo. They would play and help out around the farm. When they get older Tengo wanted to go to school. Frikkie always talks about how school is boring and that he shouldn’t go, but Tengo wanted to learn so badly that he decided to go. He didn’t tell Frikkie that he was leaving and when Frikkie came to visit the farm his uncle told him the Tengo was gone and he wouldn’t be back for many years. When Tengo was at school he was already behind everybody his age and had to stay during holidays to study and catch up. He soon was at the top of the kids in his class that was his age and was getting ready to write a matric to go to college. Everything changed between Frikkie and Tengo.

Recommendation

I read the book *Waiting for the Rain*. I would give this that book a rating of 7 out 10. I really enjoyed this book because I like reading about history and what it’s like in different countries. At first I thought that this book was going to be really boring because it started out relatively slow and I didn’t really get what it was about, but as I read further into the book I started to understand the story and it kept getting better. If you like reading action books then I think that you might not like this book at first. At the beginning of the book there really isn’t a lot of action, but the second half of the book the action builds when they close the schools because of all the violence. The conflict comes from the blacks fighting for their rights and trying to change the way things have been until now. The book shows two different sides of this story. The book describes how the white and blacks come from very different lives and background and it tells about both. Tengo’s shows the black side of the conflict. The story goes into his love for school and how it’s hard work and how hard it is for him and his family to send him to school. Frikkie’s shows the white side of the conflict. The book describes his life on his uncle’s farm and how much he loves his uncle’s farm and how going to school was hard and how he didn’t like it. The book does a great job comparing their two lives during a very difficult time in history. I think that this book can really tell you about what it was like to live in South Africa at the time when they had the apartheid. So if you like to read books about history and what it’s was like in South Africa I think that you would really enjoy reading this book.