South Africa: Mineral Wealth vs. The Legacies of Apartheid

Define—

1. Poor

2. Working Class

3. Middle Class

4. Rich

Video Clip #1—South Africa’s Gold Mines (History Channel)

Important Fact 1—

Important Fact 2—

Important Fact 3—

Does the Video Clip support the idea that South Africa has a lot of mineral wealth?

Does the Video Clip comment on the wealth or poverty of the people of South Africa?

Video Clip #2—Apartheid Explained (AJ+)

Important Fact 1—

Important Fact 2—

Important Fact 3—

Why, according to the clip, is the country of South Africa wealthy in resources but many of its people struggle with poverty?

Video Clip—Inequality Blights Mandela’s South African Legacy (Euronews)

Important Fact 1—

Important Fact 2—

Important Fact 3—

What evidence does the clip provide that suggests South Africans, particularly Black South Africans, are better off now?

What evidence does the clip provide that suggests that South Africa still faces some challenges?

Other Resources upon which to base your answer—

Video Clip—Nelson Mandela: Champion of Freedom

Important Fact 1—

Important Fact 2—

Important Fact 3—

How did South Africa change from a state that had apartheid to one that did not?

Article & Graphic—Viewpoint: Does Race Still Matter in South Africa?

Important Fact 1—

Important Fact 2—

Important Fact 3—

Looking at the “Income by Racial Group” graph, identify a positive and a negative that Blacks in South Africa experience.

Critical Thinking Question (In NO LESS than 3 well-composed, considered sentences based on the research available to you, answer the following question):

Describe the opportunities and challenges South Africa faces and how South Africa’s mineral wealth can help.