



**The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)** was established in South Africa after the end of apartheid in 1995. It was a court-like body chaired by Desmond Tutu, a South African activist and retired Anglican archbishop who rose to worldwide fame during the 1980s as an opponent of apartheid. His aim was to bring out the truth about the apartheid era and help heal the country. He used the expression "rainbow nation" to describe the post-apartheid South African nation that wanted to live at peace with itself and the world. During the TRC, both sides could testify:

- witnesses identified as victims of human rights violations, and
- perpetrators of violence who could be granted amnesty in exchange for their testimony.