speaking people also moved into South Africa the same time as the Dutch came to the Cape. = Myth of Empty Land (Shula Marx)

THE SAN WAS THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA!

What is the Myth of Empty Land?

The Bantu Migration happened over a period of time because the Bantu Speaking people were in search of better conditions for agriculture.

Evidence of early trade in Southern Africa

- Southern Africa was not isolated
- Oral or Chiefly traditions
- Glass beads and pottery (Asia)
- Indian Ocean
- 8th century
- After the death of prophet Mohammed
- Arab writing records
- Animal skins, ivory, gold and slaves (Africa)

Where did it originate? = Mapungubwe

- Cattle based society
- Wealth produced by trade allowed royal rulers to live on the hill
- Royal elite were buried with gold after death like Egyptians
- Declined in the 13th century probably because of lost trade links to the coast.

Great Zimbabwe

- Not equal society
- Went into decline
- 15th century
- Exhaustion of gold