# HIS 100 Theme 2:Secondary Source Analysis Worksheet

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| Full APA citation: | Soudien, C. (2015). Nelson Mandela, Robben Island and the Imagination of a new South Africa. *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 41(2), 353–366. |
| Identify author and describe potential biases. | Crain Soudien is a professor of Education and African studies in the School of education at the University at the University of Cape Town. His areas of expertise are education, gender, class and race. He is a publisher of several journals, books, and book reviews. His position as a professor could not bias him in favor of any idea as presented in this article.  |
| Identify thesis and arguments. | The debate on the nature of belonging received significant contribution from the Robben Island prison experience witnessed between 1962 and early 1990s (P. 353).Soudien focused on the imagination of Nelson Mandela and his experience as a prisoner with emphasis on his view on race, nation, and political economy (p. 354).After the assessment of the imagination of Nelson Mandela on race, Soudien found that several other aspects of his thinking and his sense of ‘self’ should be assessed (P. 365). Soudien found that Mandela developed his imagination of South Africa as he grew up. He was a firm believer who was not easily moved once he made up his decision. He insisted on complete and full dignity and was always against the Whites, who failed to recognize the existence of Blacks in their mother land. He imagines South Africa as a place for all with complete and unconditional equality.  |
| What primary sources did the source rely on?  | Interviews conducted Carlin involving Alexander, a close associate of Mandela; History books written by close associates of Nelson Mandela, Memoir, and recent history books.  |
| Is the source reliable and convincing? Why or why not?  | The article by Soudien is a reliable source of information. The author uses consistent tools to collect data in reproducible ways. The article is not subject to the author’s bias.  |
| How does the source relate to your project topic? How does it add to what you already know about the topic? | The article provides evidence regarding the development of apartheid in South Africa. It reveals the attitude of Nelson Mandela towards Whites and some of the strategies he applied to address the problems faced by Blacks.  |

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