

Name of the reviewer	Stephen Lowry
Affiliation	School Principal / History Teacher. Author: "Know Your National Holidays".
Title of the article	Human Rights Day (partial). Please note that I am not able to comment on the whole article and all of my comments below relate only to the paragraph: <i>In South Africa, Human Rights Day is celebrated on 21 March, in remembrance of the Sharpeville massacre which took place on 21 March 1960. This massacre occurred as a result of protests against the Apartheid regime in South Africa.[19] Many South Africans however feel that any reference to the Sharpeville massacre promotes racism and is a blatant disregard of minority rights in Post-apartheid South Africa when considering the list of massacres in South Africa, and that the day should be celebrated to promote human rights in general.</i>

Paragraph to comment on:

1. Quality of the Summary

<i>Is the summary of the article a complete, thorough, and concise introduction to the topic?</i>	No
<i>How do you think the summary could be improved?</i>	<i>It should be deleted in its entirety</i>
<i>Which meaningful data are missing?</i>	<i>The day was declared a national day of commitment to the attainment of Human Rights, because the historical event of the shootings at Sharpeville in 1960, that the article mentions, was a significant event in the suppression of human rights in South Africa at the time – it was not simply a massacre – it had a more profound historical impact. Some detail explaining this is required.</i>
<i>Is there something that you find too much detailed for a general overview of the topic?</i>	<i>See above comments. The article needs to be re-written.</i>

2. Structure and style of the article

<i>Is the article properly presenting the topic for a general public?</i>	<i>No, see comments above.</i>
<i>Does the article provide a complete and easy-to-navigate structure</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Which paragraph would you add, unify or split into different parts? Please provide a list of suggestions.</i>	<i>See suggestion above</i>
<i>Is the article well written and understandable at a high school level?</i>	<i>Should be re-written</i>

3. Content

<i>Is the article comprehensive of major facts related to the topic?</i>	No, see comment above.
<i>Is the article adequately placing the subject in context?</i>	No, see comment above.
<i>What does it miss?</i>	The article does not really explain the meaning of the day.
<i>Please provide a list of topics you think should be included in the article (suggestions must be related to bibliography).</i>	Essentially the Sharpeville shootings / massacre on 21 March were significant regarding the suppression of Human Rights in South Africa for a number of reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ┌ It was the most significant signal yet, that the state would suppress human rights (unprovoked shooting of peaceful demonstrators) in its quest to retain power. That extra-judicial mechanisms were acceptable in defending state power from protest, even peaceful forms of protest. ┌ The protest that led to the shootings was against laws that restricted the free movement of people around the country (a basic human right).
<i>Do you find that some arguments are not meaningful or representative of the topic for a general public</i>	Yes, the whole paragraph.
<i>What should be deleted? Please explain why.</i>	See comment above.

4. International and local dimension

<i>Is the article neutral (it presents general and acknowledged views fairly and without bias)?</i>	No, see comment above.
<i>Is the article representative of the international dimension and consolidated research about the topic?</i>	No comment
<i>If applicable, does the article feature examples from all over the world (no localisms)?</i>	No comment
<i>Please draft a list of what is missing with related references.</i>	See comment above. The bibliography mentioned in my booklet "Know your National Holidays" provides a list of possible references.

5. References (essential to allow the articles to be improved)

<i>Is the list of publications comprehensive and updated?</i>	Not for this topic.
<i>Does it list the fundamental monographs and papers?</i>	Not relevant.
<i>Please provide primary/generic and secondary/original resources which need to be included and suggest the list of publications which should be removed.</i>	Not relevant.