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Review of Wikipedia Articles

The review is meant to facilitate further improvement of Wikipedia articles. Suggestions about the quality of a Wikipedia articles can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Featured_article_criteria.

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1. Quality of the Summary

Is the summary of the article a complete, thorough, and concise introduction to the topic? How do you think the summary could be improved? Which meaningful data are missing? Is there something that you find too much detailed for a general overview of the topic?

The general introduction to the topic is fine.

2. Structure and style of the article

Is the article properly presenting the topic for a general public? Does the article provide a complete and easy-to-navigate structure? Which paragraph would you add, unify or split into different parts? Please provide a list of suggestions. Is the article well written and understandable at a high school level?

I would split Geography into smaller sections and post apartheid government.

I could include "Tourism with its main attractions and monuments" as well as "Culture" Geographical part could cause understanding issues for high school level, there are some difficult terms, maybe more pictures and other visuals could help to comprehend easier.

3. Content

Is the article comprehensive of major facts related to the topic? Is the article adequately placing the subject in context? What does it miss? Please provide a list of topics you think should be included in the article (suggestions must be related to bibliography). Do you find that some arguments are not meaningful or representative of the topic for a general public. What should be deleted? Please explain why.

After reading the article, it seems that the main emphasis is on Geography and Politics, these two sections receive the biggest attention and weight text wise. I think it should be more balance with all the remaining themes.

• Geographical introduction is too long, in the overall article it seems to get almost the biggest emphasis, much more than education or economy. I would reduce geographical/topographical part. Instead of reducing text you could out into smaller titled paragraphs (could include one title "flora" where you talk about different plants) because to read such long paragraphs is extremely difficult especially if you have general audience in mind. Important to mention that Cape Floral Kingdom is a UNESCO World Heritage Site

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- Citations are missing were concrete temperatures are given in different western cape places.
- Part "1994 and Western Cape Post-Apartheid" I would break it into smaller titled paragraphs, titles can be "1994 election", "1999 election" etc, it will be easier for reader to follow the timeline because right now paragraphs is quite overwhelming and crowded it numbers and facts
- In my opinion, the weakest part is "Economy", the references are very outdated. Stating economy "is expected to grow by 3.2% in 2011" is not acceptable when we are already in 2015. I would revise this section by trying to get more recent sources of info and statistics
- Education section. Not only universities form education system, I would include something on primary and secondary education, public and private school or even on the education reform after apartheid.

Missing points:

- There is no history about the region it start already in 20th century with apartheid issues
- Tourism (it is important economic sector and the regions attracts increasing numbers from both international and domestic tourists.
 - o Touristic attractions/activities: Table Mountain, Robben Island, Six District, Garden route, surfing, kiting, hiking etc.
- Region's fauna, wild animals that can be encountered in the region
- Culture. Theater productions, Concerts, Festivals, Markets, Gastronomy, especially wine production. It has a rich culture this region and nothing is mentioned.
- Gastronomy (food and wine)
- Religion
- Health system
- Transportation
- Sports

4. International and local dimension

Is the article neutral (it presents general and acknowledged views fairly and without bias)? Is the article representative of the international dimension and consolidated research about the topic? If applicable, does the article feature examples from all over the world (no localisms)? Please draft a list of what is missing with related references.

I think this point is fine

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

Is the list of publications comprehensive and updated? Does it list the fundamental monographs and papers? Please provide primary/generic and secondary/original resources which need to be included and suggest the list of publications which should be removed.

Some of the resources are old especially covering "economy" section (references 18, 19)

You could include some video references as well, such as:

Brief UNESCO/NHK video describing Robben Island: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H52TjZHoQbI

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Why is the Cape Floral Kingdom a World Heritage Site? An interview with Ernst Van Jaarsveld, horticulturalist in Kirstenbosch, where he explains the reasons for the Cape Floral Region Protected Areas having been declared a World Heritage Site.: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TtmNyTtSwpY

Western Cape Education Department: http://wced.school.za/home/home.html