

Shaka Zulu

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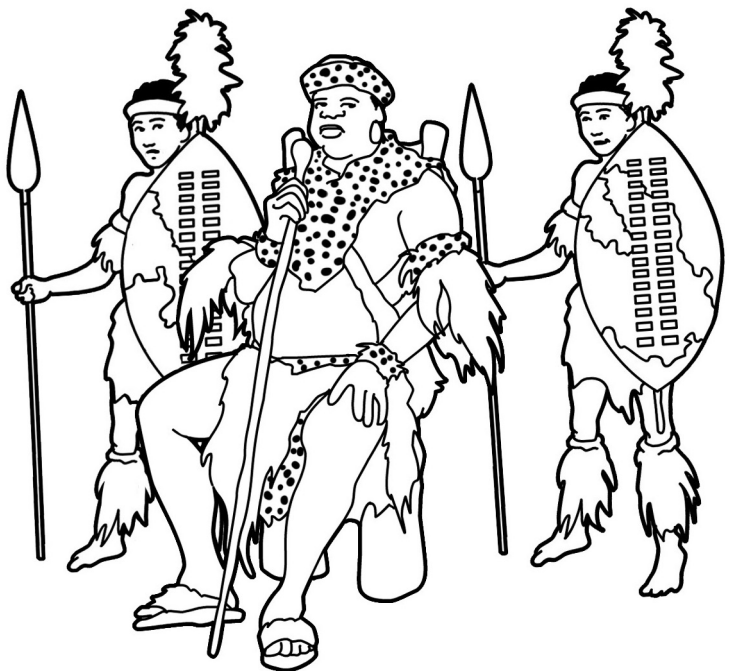
Read the story with your friend.

Have you heard about the famous Zulu king Shaka Zulu? Shaka Zulu was a famous king who brought together the different tribes to make a powerful Zulu kingdom.

He was born in KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. His father was a chief. He was born when his mother and father were not married. Shaka's mother was treated badly by others because she wasn't married to Shaka's father. Shaka was bullied and teased by other people. Shaka and his mother were unhappy because of this.

Shaka and his mother decided to move and live with another tribe called the Mthetwa tribe. Shaka grew up to be a very strong and powerful warrior. His skills and courage got the attention of Chief Dingiswayo. When Shaka was 23 years old Chief Dingiswayo made him the leader of the army.

When Shaka's father died his half-brother Sigujana came into power. Shaka was not happy about this. With the help of Chief Dingiswayo he had Sigujana killed so that he could get into power. A while later Chief Dingiswayo died.



Shaka lead the Zulus to become powerful warriors. He fought many battles to grow the Zulu kingdom. He fought many battles with neighbouring tribes and conquered them.

Shaka Zulu is a powerful figure in South African history.

Answer the questions:

1. Where was Shaka Zulu born?

2. Why was Shaka Zulu bullied?

3. What tribe did Shaka Zulu and his mother move to live with?

4. Which Chief made Shaka the leader of the army?

5. How did Shaka expand the Zulu kingdom?
