The Castle of Good Hope

Over the centuries six different flags have flown over the Castle, yet in all that time not a single shot has ever been fired in anger at it or from it.

Why is fort at the Cape so important?

The Castle of Good Hope, as the first permanent fort on the African continent, played an important role in the history of South Africa. It was built in 1666 by the Dutch East India Company (VOC) to protect against possible attacks from Portuguese ships in the area. The fort was strategically located at the entrance to Table Bay, which was crucial for trade and military operations.

The Castle was constructed of stone and had four bastions, each designed to protect different areas of the fort. The fort was also equipped with a network of underground tunnels and a system of water supply, which were crucial for defense. The Castle remained a key military installation until the late 19th century, when it was converted into a residence for the Governor of the Cape Colony.

The Castle is now a national monument and a popular tourist attraction, offering visitors a glimpse into the history of South Africa and the role that the Castle played in shaping the country's development.
### The Outer Court viewed from the Main Entrance

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### The Inner Court viewed from the Inner Archway towards the Entrance Gate

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