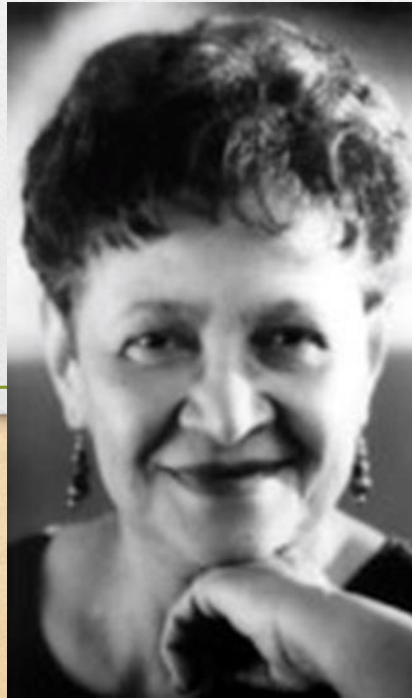
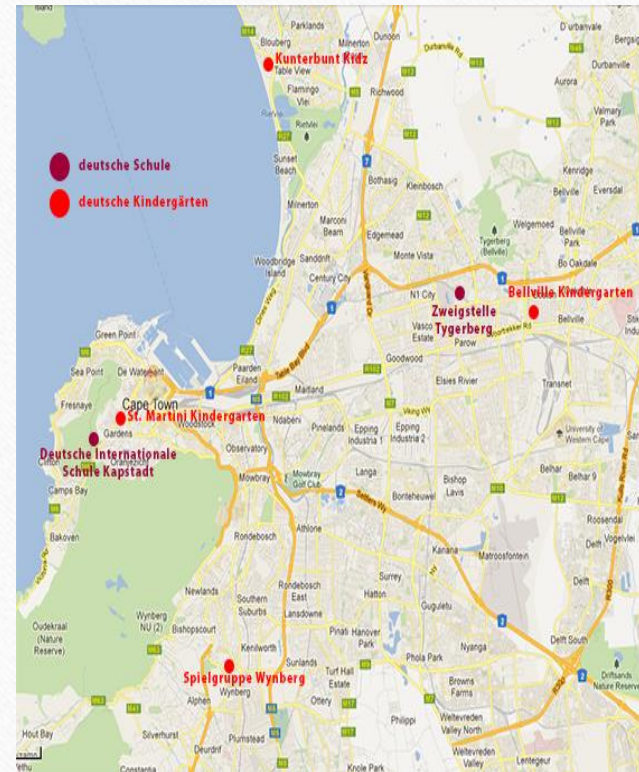


Amelia House (Pegram)



Early Years

- Amelia Blossom House was born AROUND 1939 in Wynberg, South Africa
- Attended typical Afrikaans schools
- At 16 went to Hewat Training College to become a teacher



HEWAT



1941 - 1991

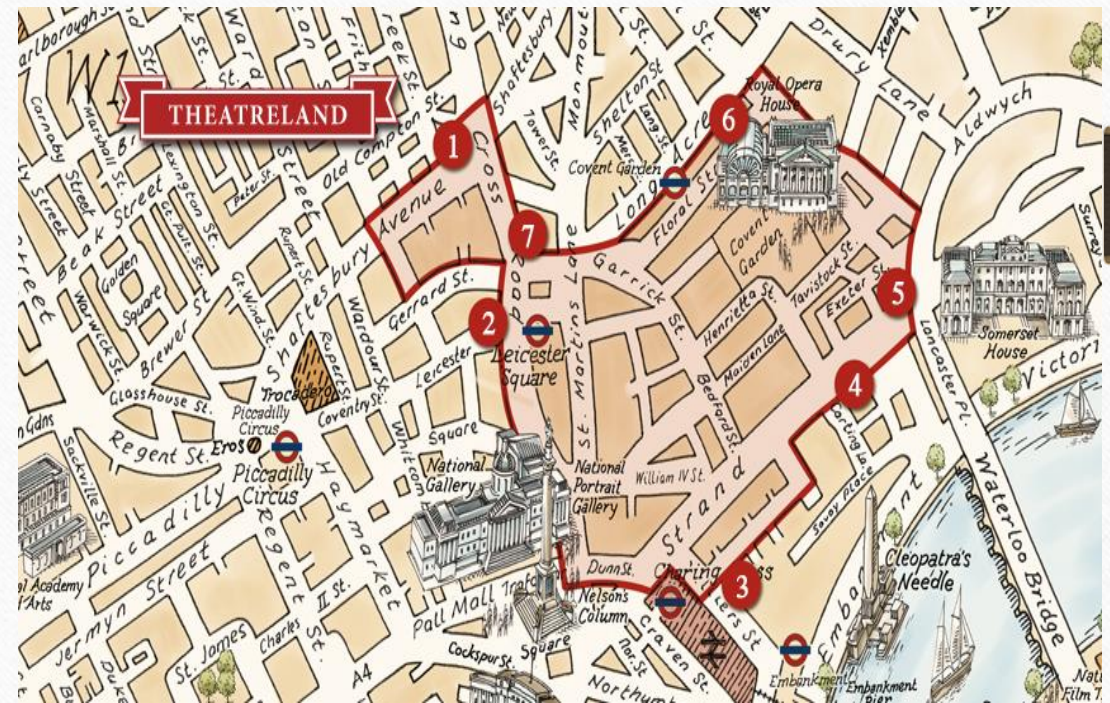
University of Cape Town



- Chosen to receive a university education
- Taught school while attending the Univ. of Cape Town
- Upon graduation in 1961 was asked to write curriculum for the Afrikaans school system
- Left South Africa before she was banned in 1963

London

- Moved to London in 1963 and studied theater
- Spent about 10 years living in London working as an actor
 - Acted on stage, radio, and television



Moves to America



- Moved to Louisville, Kentucky to pursue her graduate degree
- Marries an American in 1972
- Wrote “Conspiracy” as part of her Master’s thesis while matriculating at the University of Louisville
 - Story was based on her own life experiences
 - She was banned when it was published

What She Has Been Up To

- She has been a teacher at University of Louisville since the early 80s
- She has also taught at several community colleges
- She travels around “performing” her poetry with a percussionist



Underrated Voice



- She is not a significant writer, but her work is important
- Her goal has been to educate about the horrors of Apartheid through literature
- Poetry used on posters during the liberation struggle in South Africa